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Wilmington, Mass.

~~"Lull Brook" also called~~
~~"Cedar Swamp Brook"~~

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ARE THESE RECORDS A VOLUME OF COPIED RECORDS?

We approach this subject with hesitation, but after consideration incline to the opinion that there is evidence to show that they are copied, and that too by William Johnson. The editors of the JOURNAL imprint of the records were impressed at an early stage of their undertaking by the same idea, when they observed the close resemblance between the supposed handwriting of Captain Edward Johnson, the first recorder, and that of his son and successor William Johnson, the individual above alluded to; and Poole, editor of the "Wonder Working Providence," in his edition of that work (Introd., p. cxxx) notes the close resemblance in the handwriting of both, and says that it is difficult to tell them apart, or to determine where the one ended and the other commenced in the Woburn records.

It is well known that the earliest records of births, marriages and deaths in Woburn are copied records, taken from previously existing memoranda, and entered in a volume bought for the purpose by one of the early clerks—see *Sewall's Hist. Woburn*, p. 183;—and it is not impossible that the same reasons existed for copying the business records of the town into a volume appropriate for them, namely, that they were at first written upon sundry loose papers, which after the lapse of time came into "a shattered and perishing condition." Such memoranda as constituted the current business records was written probably in the same fashion and on scraps of various sizes and these loose papers and unfitted for collecting in book form, and paper also being scarce and expensive, the colonists depending for their supplies on the old country.

The book of record before us, forming the first volume of our present town records, was evidently brought from England, the paper being of good manufacture and skillfully ruled after the form of a book of accounts. After a time, when it was found necessary to copy the loose and perishable items composing the records of town business of the earlier date, for their proper preservation, this volume was purchased and the matter copied into it by the clerk most interested. The large number of waste pages in the volume, numbering nearly as many as those filled by the records, were left blank, because the records to be copied were completed, and the following volume was started before the copying commenced.

It is likely, when the value of paper and the frugal habits of the people of that day are considered, that if the record had been a continuous current register of town business, that it would have been carried to completion on these pages or until the last vacant page was filled. It was not so, however, for another volume was commenced on the accession of a new clerk.

We admit there is no statement on the part of William Johnson that these records were a copy of previous material for records, or of records previously made by himself and his father, and it is true that the handwriting of different persons often greatly resembles each other, but another proof that the first volume of extant records is copied from still older records is the water-marks on its leaves.

Each leaf has a device of that character wrought into the paper during the process of manufacture, which is an indelible witness to its age, and in this case the marks are similar throughout, and repeated on every page in two designs. The water-mark is an ancient device almost as old as printing itself, and may be a letter or other design showing initials of the manufacturer, and insignia representing the quality, size, characteristics, or phrases inserted for other uses, including the year of manufacture in figures or monogram.

Each alternate leaf in this volume has in its water-mark a device composed of a coronet or crown, surmounting a shield emblazoned with the *flower de luce*, a bearing emblematic of royalty; the crown representing the "crown" size of paper, the name being derived from the water-mark. Beneath the whole is a monogram composed of the figure 4 and the letters W R, a Latinized abbreviation signifying 4 King William, or the fourth year of the reign of that monarch, or A. D. 1692.

William Johnson was familiar with the phrase, which was sometimes Latinized in deeds, *year of reign of King and Queen William and Mary, now of England, &c., the fourth*; and deeds in his writing containing such phrases are still extant, and thus, if the above interpretation of the meaning of 4 W R is correct, the paper composing the book was made in the year 1692, or a half century after the town of Woburn was founded.

The water-mark on the other alternate leaves is the device of a cross, surrounded by the letters IHS, and lower down the letters P B. The cross is a well known religious symbol and the initials are equally well known as signifying the name of Christ. The letters P B. are supposed to represent the initials of the manufacturer of the paper.

An examination of certain English authorities on the subject of water-marks used by early manufacturers fails to furnish any further clue to the marks in question; the ones noticed by these authorities belonging to a much earlier period than those we have under consideration. A cross surmounting the letter R, of date 1370, is formal in a book in Reign of Edward III. A *flower de luce* surmounted with a crown is a device of date 1431. These show the antiquity of the designs, and one of these English authorities cites another to the effect that after the fifteenth century no marks used by these early manufacturers apply to the maker. However we leave the subject to those who can further enlighten us upon it, believing that whether the records are the original or a copied volume, all are united on

the desirability of their publication; and though opinions may differ on the subject of their interest, the manner of their publication and their appearance week by week in the columns of the JOURNAL, has given our citizens a clearer idea of their character and importance than ever before. The various installments illustrate the history and growth of a municipality; they show its founding in a wilderness; the difficulty of the early explorations; the obstacles to its separation from an older municipality; the establishment of its civil and ecclesiastical polity; the division of its public lands; and the manner in which it conducted its public business and managed its affairs. Here also are the names of the men who conducted this arduous enterprise, and the names of their associates comprising the earlier settlers of

11 this old town, from a small number at the beginning, at the time when these records close they had become comparatively a goodly number as the length of the tax lists show.

A word in relation to this publication. The mayor and his brother who bore the pecuniary cost of the undertaking—the mayor being the responsible head of the enterprise;—the young lady who did the copying, wading through a mass of difficult handwriting, much of it not easily decipherable, and through an abundance of poor spelling and uncouth phraseology and unfamiliar names; the foreman of the printing office whose skillful and correct work greatly aided the perfection which has been attained; the kindness of the proprietor of the JOURNAL; to all these the city should accord praise. To the mayor and his assistant proof-reader *incognito*, the public may attribute such faults in proof-reading or erroneous interpretations of the text as may be discoverable. Half an hour each week they read over the instalments of copy with the original. They supplied such missing links as the copyist in occasional instances had left out, they rectified some difficult names, and furnished a few illustrative notes. Their work is now submitted to the public, for it is practically ended. What follows can be easily accomplished, as the work has been already prepared for the purpose.

Woburn Records.

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[1*]. Records for the Town of Woburn from the year 1640 the 8th day of the 10th month [Dec. 8, 1640, O. S.].

Paulisper fui.

In penniless age, I, Woburn town, began;
Charlestown first moved the court my lines to span,
To view my land place, compiled body rear,
Nowell, Symmes, Sedgwick, these my patrons were.
Some fearing I'll grow great upon these grounds
Poor, I was put to nurse among the clowns.
Who being taken with such mighty things
As had been work of noble queens and kings.
Till babe 'gan cry and great disturbance make
Nurses repent they did her undertake.
One leaves he quite, another he doth hie
To foreign lands free from the baby's cry.
Two more of seven, seeing nursing proved so thwart,
Thought it more ease in following of the cart.
A neighbor by, hoping the babe would be
A pretty girl, to rocking her went he.
Two nurses less undaunted than the rest
First houses finish; thus the girl 'gan dressed.
It's rare to see how this poor town did rise
By weakest means; too weak in great one's eyes,
And sure it is, that metal's clear extraction,
Had never share in this poor town's erection.
Without which metal and some fresh supplies
Patrons conclude she never up would rise.
If ever she 'mongst ladies have a station,
Say 'twas from parents, not her education.
And now conclude the Lord's own hand it was,
That with weak means did bring this work to pass;
Not only town but sister church too add,
Which out of dust and ashes now is had,
Then all inhabit Woburn town, stay, make
The Lord, not means, of all you undertake.

ILLUSTRATIVE NOTES.

(1.) "Nowell, Symmes, Sedgwick, these my patrons were;" AND WHY WOBURN WAS NAMED FOR WOBURN IN BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND.

The first was a well known magistrate, and the second was the minister of Charlestown, while the third was a military officer of eminence and one of the distinguished men of his time. While of the first two much has been written, recent developments place the last in an interesting position as the individual to whom the New England town of Woburn owes its name. The fact was noted by Savage (Gen. Dict. iv. 48) that Sedgwick was a neighbor of Captain Edward Johnson (in Charlestown); and the latter in his "Wonder Working Providence" mentions Sedgwick as "the first Sergeant Major chosen to order the Regiment of Essex; stout and active in all feats of war; nursed up in London's Artillery garden; and furthered with fifteen years experience in New England exact theory; besides the help of a very good headpiece, being a frequent instructor of the most martial troops of our artillery men," etc. (Wond. Work. Prov., ed. 1867, p. 192); and the first mention Johnson makes of him in the Woburn town records is as "Noble Captain Sedgwick."

All this goes to show the high estimation he held in Johnson's mind. Later in the records is shown his part in the work of exploring the lands for the first settlement of the town and the influential position he held in deciding upon the present site.

The number of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, for the current month (April 1888,) p. 184, contains facts, in effect, as follows:

That Major General Robert Sedgwick, the first of the name to emigrate to this country, was the son of William Sedgwick and Elizabeth Howe, who were married, according to the registers of St. Mary's Church, at Woburn, Bedfordshire, England, on April 10, 1604. His father, William, was a warden of that church, and was buried there on July 25, 1632. General Sedgwick was baptized at Woburn, Bedfordshire, England, May 6, 1613. The family was one of distinction in England. General Sedgwick emigrated to this country in 1635, and was one of the earliest settlers of Charlestown. In 1641, 1645 and 1648, he commanded the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of which he was a founder, and in 1641, the Castle. He was an officer under, and friend of, Cromwell, with whom he corresponded, and by whom he was sent in July, 1654, from Boston to Jamaica, after the capture of that Island by the British, with a fleet under his orders with reinforcements for the army under Gen. Venables. He was one of the Commissioners for the Government of Jamaica, and died there on May 24, 1656, leaving several children.

Major General Robert Sedgwick of Charlestown, therefore—one of the three influential patrons of the infant town of Woburn—according to the lines of his humbler friend and admirer, Edward Johnson, the "father" and projector of the infant settlement—being a native of Woburn in Bedfordshire, undoubtedly gave the name of his birthplace to the Woburn in New England, in whose founding he took a great interest.

It has not been definitely known before whether any person directly interested in the settlement of Woburn, or any one of the first settlers, was a native, or connected in any way with the Woburn in the old country whence the town had been supposed to have derived its name. There are three Woburns in England whence the name might be derived: Woburn in Bedfordshire (spell-

ing like ours); Woo-burn, Bucks; and O-burn, Dorset. All three spellings were used by the early settlers here and their contemporaries, but which Woburn was our namesake is now no longer doubtful, and the above discovery settles the question as to the County, and leaves the matter, apparently, no longer doubtful as to its source.

The theory in Sewall's *Woburn*, p. 539, therefore loses its force. The honor there conferred on Hon. Richard Russell of Charlestown, who came from Hertfordshire, is evidently misplaced, however plausible it may appear on the surface, and the fact that Russell came from another county in England, one where none of the Woburns was located, renders that theory still further untenable.

(2.) "In penniless age;" "poor, I was put to nurse among the clowns." "It's rare to see how this poor town did rise by weakest means—too weak in great ones' eyes! And sure it is, that metal's clear extraction [gold or silver money, mainly the latter], had never share in this poor town's erection. Without which metal, and some fresh

supplies, patrons [Nowell, Symmes, Sedgwick], conclude she never up would rise." "Weak means did bring this work to pass." Town and sister church (too) "which out of dust and ashes now is had."

Phrases from Johnson's verse illustrating the poverty and meagreness of the settlement when undertaken. A tract by a writer contemporary with this author, entitled "Good News from New England" (London, 1648) [Mass. Hist. Coll. 4th series, vol. i., pp. 201, 212], a relation partly in rhyme, contains two references to Woburn, the first conveying the same idea of absence of pecuniary resources outlined above.

"Woo-burn, Wickham [probably Wenham], Redding built, with little silver mettles [metal]."

The second reference in a list of towns and ministers with the salary affixed is as follows:

"Woo-burn: M. Tho. Carter, 60l."

Or, under a more liberal construction of the sentence: A. D. 1648, Woburn: Minister of town, Thomas Carter; salary sixty pounds.

It is singular also that the phrase "metal's clear extraction" [mettels cleer extraction]—GOOD NEWS [mettells cleere extraction]—spelling by JOHNSON in Woburn Records] should be used in the rhyme of the writer of 1648, and by the author of the lines forming the introduction to our town records. It is also to be noted that the poetry of one is not much better or worse than the other, and that a mixed relation in verse and prose was a common feature of the literary undertakings of the day, particularly in descriptions of New England.

(3.) *Paulisper fui*. [This seems to be a quotation from Plautus' *Comedy of the Liar*, in which occur the lines: *quasi solstitialis herba, paulisper fui*, "as a summer's flower I have lived for a short time." The *Paulisper fui* was probably a quotation of the day, which Johnson had picked up from some of his more learned associates in the colony, and very aptly puts into the mouth of the child to which he likens the town of Woburn in the "rude verse" which follows.—E. F. J.]

(1) "One leaves" quite; (2) Another "doth hie" to foreign lands; (3) "Two more" [discouraged] prefer "following of the cart." (4) The "neighbor" [encouraged somewhat]; (5) the "two nurses" [less undaunted] builders of the two first houses. These references in Johnson's lines we take to be the same as the ones given in the foot-notes by Sewall (*Hist.* p. 531). Namely, that the first was Ezekiel Richardson; the second Thomas Graves; the third Samuel and Thomas Richardson, perhaps; the fourth Edward Johnson; and the fifth Edward Converse and John Mousall. One authority (Poole) differs from the above as to the first, whom he takes to be Sedgwick; but there is no evidence that he, though interested in the settlement, designed to settle here.

(To be continued.)

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N. B. Marginal references of the original are in brackets.

[2*]. [THE PREFACE.] The free fruition of such liberties and privileges as humanity, civility and christianity calls for, as due to every man with his place and proportion, without impeachment and infringing, which hath ever been, and ever will be, the tranquility and stability of Christian Commonwealths; and the denial or the deprival thereof, the disturbance, if not the ruin of them both.

We hold it therefore our duty and safety for the better disposing of all lands and benefits of the town of Woburn and for the preventing of all troublesome complaints, and the maintenance of love and agreement, it is required that all persons admitted to be inhabitants in the said town shall by voluntary agreement, subscribe to these orders following; upon which condition they are admitted:

[May 13, 1640. First order. For sixpence an acre.] For the carrying on common charges, all such persons as shall be thought meet to have land and admittance for inhabitants, shall pay for every acre of land formerly laid out by Charlestown, but now in the limits of Woburn, six-pence; and for all hereafter laid out, twelve-pence.

[Second order. To return their lots if not improved in 15 months.] Every person taking lot or land in the said town shall, within fifteen months after the laying out of the same, build for dwelling thereon, and improve the said land, by planting, either in part or in whole, or surrender the same up to the town again; also they shall not make sale of it to any person but such as the town shall approve of.

[Third order. About fencing.] That all manner of persons shall fence their cattle of all sorts either by fence or keeper; only it is required all garden plots and orchards shall be well enclosed, either by pale or otherwise.

[Fourth order. About inmates.] That no manner of person shall entertain inmate, either married or other, for longer time than three days, without the consent of four of the selectmen; every person offending in this particular, shall pay to the use of the town for every day they offend herein, six-pence.

[Fifth order. About timber.] That no person shall fell or cut any young oak like to be good timber under eight inches square upon forfeiture of five shillings for every such offence.

[These persons subscribed to these orders.]

Edward Johnson,
Edward Converse,
John Mousall,
Ezekiel Richardson,
Samuel Richardson,
Thomas Richardson,
William Learned,
James Thompson,
John Wright,
Michael Bacon,
John Seers,
John Wyman,
Francis Wyman,
Benjamin Butterfield,
Henry Jeffs,
James Parker,

Mr. Thomas Graves,
Nicholas Davis,
Nicholas Trarice,
John Carter,
James Converse,
Daniel Bacon,
Edward Winn,
Henry Baldwin,
Francis Kendall,
John Tidd,
Henry Tottingham,
Richard Lowden,
William Green,
John Russell,
James Britton,
Thomas Fuller,

ILLUSTRATIVE NOTES.

(4.) "The free fruition . . . of both." [This Preface to the Town Orders is an exact copy, with the exception of a word or two, of the Preamble to the "Liberties of the Massachusetts Collonie" of 1641, which was prepared by Mr. Nathaniel Ward, and was the first code of laws in New England. This code was distributed among the several towns as early as 1639, and Captain Johnson seems to have appropriated its Preamble for a Preface, as he calls it, to the Town Orders.—See W. F. Poole's Introduction to *Wonder Working Providence of Sion's Savior in New England*, p. ci. et seq. for further particulars on this subject.—E. F. J.]

(5.) Of the 32 subscribers to the town orders of Woburn, 1640, twenty-seven had died before 1700. Two died in 1700—Richard Lowden, at Charlestown, in his 88th year, and Henry Jeffs, at Billerica, aged about 94—and three survived that year. One of the latter, James Parker, died at Groton, in 1701, aged 83; another Francis Kendall, died at Woburn, 1708, aged 88; and the last survivor, James Converse, died at Woburn, 1715, "in the 95th year of his age," according to the record upon his gravestone still standing in our first burying-ground.

A striking connection of the period of 1640 with the present is made through the person of a lineal descendant of the last named—the centenarian Joshua Converse of Woburn. The latter individual was born in Woburn in 1767, and died in his native town in the year 1868, aged 101 years and 16 days. A brother of his, Jesse, died in 1864, when he lacked but a few months of being 100 years old. By means of the lifetime of an individual who knew both Joshua Converse and his ancestor James Converse, the last survivor of the subscribers of 1640, a connection may be formed through three or four persons between that period and the present. When the modern centenarian Joshua Converse had attained the age of twenty-four years, Mrs. Rebecca Russell, a grand-daughter of Francis Kendall, died in Woburn (1791) aged 96 1-2 years—the records say 99 years, and another authority "about 98 years." She was 20 years old in 1715, the year when James Converse died, and 13 years old in 1708, the year when her grandfather Francis Kendall, the next longest survivor of the subscribers to the original orders, died. She, therefore, was old enough to have known both these men well, and to have heard intelligently the story of the original settlement of Woburn from their lips. She also could have received an account from them, had she asked, of the personal appearance of Captain Edward Johnson, and the other leading worthies who took part in the first settlement, and this she could have communicated in her old age, had he wished, to Joshua Converse, and he, had opportunity occurred, could have communicated the facts of such interesting nature, to some of us. But the connection, such as we have mentioned, was never known to have taken place, and the opportunity is now forever lost!

Another person, a grandson of John Carter, one of the subscribers to the town orders of 1640, died in Woburn in 1787, aged 92, or 96 according to the records—the year when Joshua Converse was twenty years old. This was Samuel Carter, generally known as Captain Samuel Carter, and who, residing on the Winchester Hills in the

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westerly part of the town, was a comparatively near neighbor of James Converse, the last survivor of the subscribers of 1640. As he belonged to a family of considerable prominence in this vicinity, he must have been well known to Joshua Converse, and from the nearness of the neighborhood an intimate acquaintance of the veteran James Converse, who died in 1715, when the above said Samuel Carter was 20 years old.

The same remarks made in the other case apply to this. But the opportunity is lost.

After 1774, when Joshua Converse was seven years old, no less than 70 persons died in Woburn who were alive in 1715, the year when James Converse died. Of this number more than a dozen had reached their majority in that year. Many of the latter died at a great age. Four of them, containing two of the oldest, do not bear the long standing Woburn names, and died here during the war of the Revolution, being probably brought here from other places during that period. What traditionary information these persons might have imparted is probably now all lost or scattered, and this loss magnifies the importance of the record that is now appearing in these columns.

A final curious instance of longevity in the person of one who was alive apparently in 1715, but too young then to have known the elder Converse intelligently, may be cited in the case of Prince Walker, a black man, who died at the almshouse in Woburn, in 1825, at the age of 115 years. His birth is not discovered on the records, but the fact that he was thrown on the town of Woburn for support in his latter days, shows that he originated in Woburn and was probably a native of the town. He had been a slave of the Rev. Timothy Walker at Concord, N. H., and having obtained his freedom about 1784 went to Andover, Mass., to live, and eventually returned to Woburn again. That he was interviewed by the local antiquaries is evident from the fact that one of them, the late Col. Leonard Thompson, was told by him, that he (Prince) remembered the Rev. Edward Jackson (of Woburn, 1729-1754) hearing him repeat the catechism. [See WOBURN JOURNAL, June 13, 1884, and *Hist. of Woburn*, p. 518.]

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N. B. Marginal references of the original are in brackets.

3= [3*]. [May 14, 1640.] A true relation of the proceedings of Edward Converse, Edward Johnson, John Mousall, Mr. Thomas Graves, Samuel Richardson and Thomas Richardson, chosen by the church of Charlestown for the erecting of a church and town, which accordingly by great labor was by them performed and now called the town of Woburn.

[Charlestown's petition to the General Court.] In this year, 1640, in May, news was brought of the convenience of land near adjoining to Charlestown. Forthwith a petition was framed to the General Court, then holden, for two miles of land square. to be added at the head line of Charlestown, which accordingly was granted, and afterward was increased to four miles square.

[May 15, 1640.] Mr. Increase Nowell, Mr. Zachariah Symmes, Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, Ezekiel Richardson, Samuel Richardson and Robert Hale, together with Mr. Hubbard, artist, searched the land lying within the two miles square.

[Sept. 6.] Noble Captain Sedgwick, Ensign Palmer, Thomas Lynde, Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall, and others went to view the bounds between Lynn village and this town. Like Jacobites, laying them down to rest when night drew on were preserved by the good hand of God, with cheerful spirits, though the heavens poured down rain all night incessantly.

[A remarkable Providence.] One remarkable Providence, never to be forgotten; some of the company lying under the body of a great tree, it lying some distance from the earth, when the daylight appeared, no sooner was the last man come from under it, but it fell down to their amazement; being forced to dig out their food that was caught under it, it being so ponderous that all the strength they had could not remove it.

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[Sept. 30, 1640.] The parties aforesaid met at Lynn and lay there all night. Next day drew Lynn men to the confines of their bounds endeavoring to point the divisional line between their new town and this.

[Nov. 5.] The persons above specified were chosen by the church of Charlestown, chosen for the carrying on the affairs of this new town.

[Nov. 9. The discoverers were lost in snow.] These persons associating to them Edward Johnson, who continued with them during the whole work, went to discover the land about Shawshin River, being lost, were forced to lie under the rocks whilst the rain and snow did bedew their rocky beds.

[Nov. 17.] A meeting was held to set a division between Charlestown and Woburn, which was in part assented to, but afterward denied.

[Nov. 23. Charlestown church meet.] The church of Charlestown meet to consider of those that should go up to this town, and seeing many appear, fearing the depopulation of Charlestown, from that day forward had a suspicious eye over them.

[Dec. 3.] Full power was given to Edward Converse and company to go on with the work.

[Dec. 22.] Considering the weightiness of the work and the weakness of the persons, this day was set apart for humble seeking of God by prayer and fasting for help in a work of so great consequence, which was performed at the house of John Mousall, by the forenamed persons and their wives, the Lord assisting.

[Dec. 18. Edward Johnson Recorder.] The first meeting of these persons for this work was at Mr. Thomas Graves where town orders were concluded on for the better carrying on of the work, which are recorded in the first page, at which meeting Edward Johnson was appointed recorder, who drew a plot for the town.

[Jan. 4. Mr. Bunker surrendering his lot.] Meeting at Edward Converse's house where were admitted many persons to set down their dwellings in this town, yet being shallow in brains fell off afterwards. At this meeting Mr. George Bunker surrendered up his lot to the town's disposal and had recompense for it.

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[4*]. [Jan. 11, 1641.] Meeting at Edward Johnson's. George Whitehand gave his lot to the town's disposal, who gave it to Edward Converse, it lying fit for his use, intending to lay the like to George Whitehand in another place.

[Cold Bridge, Feb. 10.] The first bridge was laid over Aberjona River, over against Edward Converse's house and called Cold bridge.

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(6.) "Artist." This word is used in a similar connection with Johnson in the colony records under date of 1652 and 1665. The name has reference apparently to "a man experienced in surveying" [see *Narr. and Crit. Hist. of Am.*, iii. 381]; and there is an instance of the still later use of the word, under date of 1793, where "such an artist" is mentioned in connection with the survey for the Middlesex Canal—see Geo. L. Vose, *Early Hist. of Transportation in Mass.* (1884), p. 9,—the "artist" referred to, in the last instance, being an engineer brought up to that business in England.

The first recorded exploration of this vicinity was in 1621, when an exploring party from Plymouth entered Boston Harbor and made an excursion into the interior in the direction of Medford and Winchester [see *Mem. Hist. of Boston*, i. 63, etc.]. It is doubtful if they quite reached the latter place; although their explorations extended to the vicinity of Mistick Pond. It is probable that the few white settlers scattered about the site of Boston from 1623-24 to 1629 [see *Narr. and Crit. Hist. of Am.*, iii. 311] had an acquaintance more or less superficial with this neighborhood. Between the years 1630 and 1640, according to the authority last cited, about 20,000 persons arrived in the colony, and after 1630 the knowledge of the territory adjacent to the principal settlements increased, and was considerable by 1633, from the evidence furnished in two local maps of that period, one of which is a recent valuable discovery of the present day. These maps are known as Wood's map and the Winthrop map.

Wood's map, in 1633, was published

in connection with the *New England's Prospect*, by William Wood, London, 1634, and is the earliest topographical account of the Massachusetts Colony, so far as the settlements then extended [see *Narr. and Crit. Hist. of Am.*, iii. 347]. On it are represented *Mistick Pond* and *Spot Pond* in this vicinity, and a sheet of water which it names *Horne Pond*, but which the later discovered Winthrop map shows to be the present well known *Spy Pond* (Arlington) and not the modern *Horn Pond* in Woburn, which is not represented at all on either map. Its use on both maps shows that the name of our principal pond is even older than the town itself, and we may also believe that an intimate acquaintance on the part of the whites with the present pond did not then exist, and that some indefiniteness may have existed as to the placing of the name. The *Arlington Pond* has been called by the name of *Spy Pond* certainly from a period as early as 1656, and references to it under that name are made later in the same century. [See *Hist. Arl.* pp. 9, 20; *Sewall's Diary* (*Mass. Hist. Coll.*, 5th ser.,) i. 482, ii. 15*, iii. 98.]

Thus if Wood and even Governor Winthrop (in 1633) had no definite knowledge of the sheet of water known to us of the present day by the name of *Horn Pond* in Woburn, the description of the other natural features of this section in the map bearing the name of the latter contains several points of interest in this connection.

The Winthrop map (c. 1633) is minutely described in the recently published *Narrative and Critical History of America* (see vol. iii. p. 381) where the opinion is also expressed that its topography corresponds with Wood's, and that both maps suggest an earlier survey; if, indeed, both are not drafts from one thing. The Winthrop map shows *Spot Pond*, and the *Mistick River* which takes the water of a number of ponds. The modern *Horn Pond* in Woburn is not shown. The three small ponds near a hill [*Horn Pond Mountain* (?)—*Cutter*] appear to be *Wedge Pond* and others in Winchester; the main water is *Mistick Pond* which is 60 fathoms deep; *Horn Pond* is the modern *Spy Pond*; and *Fresh Pond* is 40 fathoms deep.

In addition to the above description it may be added that a stream representing the Aberjona River, but not named, is shown on the map leading into the country.

(7) George Bunker surrendering his lot to the town's disposal, and having recompense for it.

The revelations of the Waterfield Map, plotted and published by the Winchester Historical Society, show that George Bunker's lot of 270 acres in 1638, covered the present Meeting House Hill, the present Common, and considerable adjacent territory adjoining. It was also one of the largest allotments to the Charlestown inhabitants on the site of the present Woburn. No doubt the tender of this lot influenced the placing of the main village of the present town where it now is. From him also Bunker Hill in Charlestown was named. Why not change the name of Common Street to Bunker Street, in honor of his good intentions towards the infant town?

George Whitehand giving his lot to the town for its disposal, who gave it to Edward Converse, "it lying fit for his use," he intending to lay the like to G. Whitehand in another place. This name appears on the map of Waterfield in 1638, in the locality called Rockfield, and adjacent to, and across the river from, the allotment of Edward Converse. (See *Winchester Record*, vol. ii., frontispiece, and pp. 21, 22.)

The first bridge—Aberjona River—Edward Converse's house.

The location of the first bridge and house in Woburn, was at Winchester, the former near Whitney's mill, and the latter where the B. F. Thompson house now stands in the immediate vicinity of the former. This house and bridge form the subject of articles in the *Winchester Record*, vol. i., No. 4. On the derivation of the word "Aberjona," see *Winchester Record*, vol. ii., pp. 55, 56, 462.

The meetings previous to this date were held at houses in Charlestown—the present peninsula. Thomas Graves' house and Edward Johnson's house, in 1638, are shown on a plan by J. F. Hunnewell in his work, "A Century of Town Life," just issued, both located there near the Square, but John Mousall's house there is not shown, probably for want of sufficient data.

Edward Converse's house [Jan. 4, 1640-41] was probably built at Winchester by this time.

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[Feb. 12, 1641.] Meeting at Samuel Richardson's, where Mr. Burr was thought meet to help in the main of church work. Mr. Knowles of the east was spoken of and more men admitted to inhabit this town.

[Feb. 8. Place for the town.] The men appointed for this town's affairs travelled to discover a fitting place to lay this town out. After two days search it was by the greater number thought meet to be laid out on the east end of the land granted to this town, which accordingly was done after two days more.

[Feb. 13.] Meeting at Ezekiel Richardson's where they that at present did intend to dwell in this town came and were appointed to meet at the new laid out town, the next third day following; in the afternoon of the same day they had a meeting before Mr. Nowell, Mr. Symmes, and others, who gave them no small discouragement.

[Feb. 16. Laying bridges.] The persons appointed came to the place to the number of forty, where the new town should have been placed, marking trees and laying bridges, the way being so plain backward that divers never went forward again.

[Feb. 29.] Mr. Nowell, Captain Sedgwick, Lieutenant Sprague and some others, by Charlestown appointed, advised to remove the house lots and place for the meeting house to the place where they now stand.

[Apr. 13, 1641.] Mr. Burr's friends came up to view the plantation, and the 6th of March, lots were first laid out in the place appointed.

[NOTE. The original of this date (April 13, 1641) reads thus: "the 2d third day of 2d month," 1641. The 2d month is, of course, April. The "third day" means the third day of the week, i. e. Tuesday; so that "the 2d third day of 2d month" is but another way of saying "the second Tuesday of April." April 1, 1641, fell on Thursday, and the second Tuesday would, therefore, be April 13. The town clerk has evidently got the items about the visit of Mr. Burr's friends out of their proper order, or else he has made a mistake in writing 2d month for 1st month. The latter in our opinion, is the true explanation of the matter.—E. F. J.]

[Mar. 17.] Divers went to Dorchester to Mr. Burr's, of whom they received good encouragement to go on; God would provide.

[Mar. 20.] Mr. Burr's friends came again and brought men with them to view the land, especially the meadow.

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[May 10.] Meeting at Thomas Richardson's. Mr. Burr declined and most hearts grew faint; notwithstanding, the 13th of the same month, more lots were laid out.

[May 24.] Mr. Burr's friends came again with fresh men whose minds were much for meadow and their judgments short in what they saw.

[May 29.] Mr. Thomas Graves and Edward Johnson were sent to Mr. Burr, who was loth to give a full answer.

[Aug. 25.] Things going heavily on and many blocks in the way, especially some of their own company disheartening, this day was set apart for humble seeking the Lord by fasting and prayer, whom they found gracious in keeping up the spirits of some to the work.

[Aug. 26.] A bridge was made over Horn Pond River, though the place was so boggy that it swallowed up much wood before it could be made passable, yet it was finished and called Long Bridge.

[Oct. 25.] Two messengers went to Rowley to Mr. Miller's who found Mr. Rogers loth to part with him.

[Nov. 3.] Mr. Carter was spoken to, who was the first named, but last spoken with, doubting Watertown's parting with him.

[Nov. 7.] The church of Charlestown was spoken unto for their meeting on the Sabbath at this town, having some encouragement from Mr. Carter to help them; the 21st of the same month, Mr. Symmes preached his first sermon at this town out of the 4th of Jeremiah, and the 3rd verse.

[Mr. Carter's first sermon. Dec. 4.] Mr. Carter preached his first sermon at this town out of the 22nd of Genesis, encouraging to trust in the Lord for the means.

[NOTE. The twenty-first day of Nov. 1641, the day on which Mr. Symmes preached his first sermon, was Sunday; and Dec. 4, 1641, on which day the record says Mr. Carter preached, was Saturday. Sewall in his *History of Woburn*, page 19, seems to assume that Mr. Symmes must have preached on Sunday, and that consequently Nov. 21, fell on Sunday. As, however, both Dec. 4 and Nov. 21, couldn't have been Sunday, Mr. Sewall, in order to reconcile matters, has stated that Mr. Carter preached his first sermon on Dec. 5; although the original record plainly reads "the 4: of 10 mo." A careful calculation of the week days, based on an old almanac of 1661, shows, as above stated, that Nov. 21, fell on Sunday, and that Dec. 4, came on Saturday.—E. F. J.]

[5*]. [Dec. 19.] They were all at Mr. Carter's, who was very backward to promise anything, but only to be helpful to them at some times, which was very seldom.

[Mar. 1, 1642.] Minister's house began with strong resolutions and lively spirits, through the mercy of God; though means very weak; the 25th day of the same, they went to Mr. Carter, who was very shy in promising help constantly.

[Apr. 11.] Some were sent to Mr. Phillips, who did not much encourage them about Mr. Carter.

[Apr. 14.] Mr. Carter was entreated to spend a day of humiliation among them; after the which they had some good encouragement, and he helped two Sabbath days together after it.

[May 16.] They were disheartened by two of their company taking of council.

[June 5.] They moved for a dismission from Charlestown church upon some hope they had of Mr. Carter's help; they found them backward and were put off for fourteen days, at which time, after much agitation, they had liberty to gather a church.

[The Church gathered. Aug. 14.] A church gathered at Woburn in presence of Mr. Increase Nowell, Magistrate, and Mr. Wilson, Mr. Symmes, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunster, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Carter, and divers other godly and faithful ministers of Christ, who held out the right hand of fellowship in the name of other churches to the persons gathered; namely, John Mousall, Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, William Learned, Ezekiel Richardson, Samuel Richardson and Thomas Richardson.

[Mr. Carter ordained, Nov. 22.] Mr. Thomas Carter ordained pastor of the church of Christ at Woburn in presence of the fore-named persons, Mr. Knowles excepted, who held out the right hand of fellowship to him.

ILLUSTRATIVE NOTES.

(8.) The town was first laid out at East Woburn [the present Montvale]. "The house-lots and place for the meeting-house, where they now stand" [namely at present Woburn Centre]. This shows that the context was written after the erection of the meeting-house, and that all that precedes and much that follows was prepared from memoranda previously gathered by the recorder. Lots were first laid out at the Centre, according to the record, on March 6, 1640-41 [double date, according to the rule of the time]. The matter in relation to Mr. Burr refers to their difficulty in obtaining a minister.

"The Meadow." The present Town Meadow near the Common. Meadow land was considered very valuable by the first settlers and by several generations of their descendants. It possessed greater fertility of soil, and was better cleared, work of that kind having been done in known instances by the savages in raising their own crops.

Bridge over Horn Pond River, called Long Bridge. Over the location of this bridge there has been a lively controversy in the organ of the Winchester Historical and Genealogical Society, entitled the *Winchester Record*. Neither side has discovered the fact requisite for success.

Rowley. Mr. Rogers was the minister at Rowley, and bears a celebrated name. Mr. Miller was then evidently his assistant.

Mr. Carter. Thomas Carter, the first minister of Woburn, was then residing in Watertown, and probably was assisting the minister there, Mr. Phillips, who is mentioned further on in these records.

Mr. Symmes, the minister at Charlestown.

The minister's house, begun March 1, 1641-42, stood on the spot now occupied by the house of Mrs. C. Littlefield, near the present Common.

(9.) The principal sources of the early history of Woburn are the first volume of the town records and Johnson's *Wonder-Working Providence*. There is no known authority of equal importance to these, with the exception perhaps of the first volume of the records of the First Church, which presumably began in the year 1642 and are supposed to end about 1755, but which were lost or destroyed in an unaccountable manner, presumably before the last mentioned date, perhaps during some of the bitter church quarrels in the first half of the last century. The records now extant of the First Church organization begin in the year 1755, and the parish records connected with the same organization begin a number of years earlier than the latter date, and are complete from 1730 to the present time. The town records are the vehicle of parish business previous to that date.

The records containing the registry of membership in Woburn First Church previous to 1756, with the items of business of a purely church character previous to that date, are, therefore, unfortunately lost, and probably never will be recovered. The registry of members from that date to a period well nigh the present are fortunately in print; but the loss of the earliest church records illustrates how easily a volume of manuscript records may disappear from the possession of its lawful custodians, and the community lose the benefit which might arise from its proper preservation and use.

The town of Woburn is very fortunate in having a minute account in Johnson's *Wonder-Working Providence*, of the gathering of the church in Woburn on Aug. 14, 1642, and also of the ordination of Thomas Carter, its first pastor, on Nov. 22, following; but this account has been so often the subject of print, that we may be excused from any further reference to it here. An irregularity in the ceremony of ordination, however, made the founding of this church famous for more

than a century. The early historians such as Winthrop, Hubbard, and others [see Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1st ser., ix. 39; 2d ser., vi. 408] all allude to it; but the most celebrated allusion in the last century was the following:

When Dr. Ezra Stiles, then president of Yale College, and one of the foremost thinkers of his day in this country, delivered his remarkable election sermon before the governor and general assembly of Connecticut, in 1783, on the future glory of the United States—a sermon considered so wonderful in its way, that it was reprinted in London as a literary curiosity, in all the luxury and splendor of large paper and bold type—this learned divine, speaking of ordinations and of singular innovations in the ordination of unordained candidates for the ministry in New England before his time, states that he never found with certainty, more than one instance of lay ordination of a person never before ordained in the seventeenth century (and there were few but what he had examined) and this was done by the advice and under the inspection of ministers ordained by the bishops in England.

This unusual and remarkable event, which excited the criticism and comment of that and the following century, was, he says, at Woburn, 1642. And the comment excited, we may believe, was a particular reason why Capt. Johnson in his *Wonder Working Providence*, gave so minute an account of the transaction, which, as is well known, was the ordination of the Rev. Thomas Carter, the first minister of the town, and settled very soon after its incorporation, when the surrounding territory was a wilderness.

Two persons of and in the name of the church, laid their hands upon his head, in the presence of the assembly, and said, "We ordain thee, Thomas Carter," etc.—From the WOBURN JOURNAL, for Feb. 13, 1875.

Finally Josselyn in his *Chronological Observations of America*, published in 1674, states the following event among others which occurred in 1642:

"A church was now gathered at Woburn in the Massachusetts Colony."

Another event which occurred in 1642, and which was of interest, was the graduation of the first class from Harvard College. As the above writer was an extensive borrower from the printed work of Edward Johnson [see *Narr. and Crit. Hist. of Am.*, iii. 360] he may have got an impression from that author of the importance and peculiarity of the exercises at the founding of the first church in Woburn, and also an exalted idea of the town, which he describes in his *Voyages* (ed. 1865, p. 130) at a period about the year 1663, in the following words: "At the rise of Mistick River and ponds, full of pleasant springs, is situated Woburn, an inland town, four miles square, beginning at the end of Charlestown bounds." [see Mass. Hist. Coll., 3d ser., vol. iii., pp. 324, 383.]

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[The last instalment of the records closed with the entries relating to the gathering of the church and the ordination of Mr. Carter. During the interval between these two events the town was incorporated. The date was Sept. 27, 1642, or Oct. 7, 1642, according to the present style of reckoning.]

[NOTE. On the subject of the incorporation, see Sewall's *Woburn*, p. 23. Poole (ed. *Wond. Work. Prov.*, xci.) gives the above date, and refers for his authority,—as does Sewall in the *History of Woburn*,—to the *Colony Records* (Boston, 1853) ii. 28. Poole likewise calls attention to the erroneous date, May 18, 1642, given in Chickering's *Discourse* (1809) p. 15, and by Sewall—author of the *History*—in *Am. Quar. Register* (1839) xi. 187. The error in relation to the date, May 18, 1642, has existed till 1888 in the *Manual for the General Court of Massachusetts*, and why an authority of the high character of that work should persist in perpetuating the error, after repeated correction in print, is not easily understood.—C.]

[Nov. 24.] William Learned did freely surrender up his lot for the use of the town, who gave it to Thomas Richardson, and conditioned to give William Learned the like, either for quantity or quality, by the judgment of two brethren of Charlestown, whom he should choose, and Thomas Richardson surrendered his lot for the use of the town.

[Nov. 9, 1643.] At a public town meeting by consent of the town, it was ordered, that if any man shall absent himself from a public meeting, without a lawful excuse, he shall pay 18 pence to the use of the town; at the same time John Tidd and Thomas Pierce were chosen to look that the fences be sufficient. Also Edward Johnson, John Wright, Benjamin Butterfield and Thomas Pierce were chosen to parcel out the meadows.

[Common. Boggy Meadow Field.] Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall, Samuel Richardson, John Wright and Ralph Hill were appointed to lay out a common field, called Friendly Field, now Boggy Meadow Field, which afterward shall be divided by lot to them shall have share therein.

[Apr. 13, 1642. The first choice of Selectmen.] It was ordered by the general consent of the whole freemen and inhabitants there present, that a yearly choice should be made of seven men, or a lesser number hereafter, when the town is more settled, which shall be chosen out of the freemen of this town, who shall have power to order the prudential affairs thereof, according to the liberties and privileges granted to the several towns in this jurisdiction, their power continuing to the next first third day of the week, in the first month in the next year, on which day a new choice shall be made provided that those men which shall be chosen do at all times give public notice when any rate or assessment is to be made upon the inhabitants, to the end

men may show their grievance, if any be, and mutual love and agreement may be continued, by taking off the burden from the oppressed.

[Secondly.] If it shall come to pass through the divers occurrence of town affairs, which the said men shall have to do with, [6*] any scruple of conscience do arise, they shall repair to the elder or elders of the church in the said town for advice.

[Thirdly.] They shall not alter any man's propriety without his free consent.

[Fourthly.] They shall meet once a month at the least, and all orders concluded by the major part of them for the good of the town, shall be left under their hands in writing.

[Lastly.] They shall give up an account in public at the year's end of disbursements and disposure of the town's land and stock.

[1st Selectmen chosen. Apr. 13, 1644.]

SELECTMEN.
Edward Johnson,
Edward Converse,
John Mousall,
James Thompson,

SELECTMEN.
William Learned,
Ezekiel Richardson,
Samuel Richardson.

For Constable—William Learned.
For Surveyors—Thomas Richardson, Michael Bacon, Ralph Hill.

[Edward Johnson engageth his lands in the bounds of Woburn.] These are to witness, that I, Edward Johnson, inhabitant of the town of Woburn in New England, for and in consideration of divers benefits received from the said town, as namely, supply of meadow, commonage and planting ground, according as shall from time to time be thought fitting for me to receive, do hereby promise that all my land which I had before the placing down this town near adjoining to the said town, shall be used for the good of Church and town, as all other men's proprieties are in the said town, and this I promise for me, my heirs, forever, witness my hand, EDWARD JOHNSON.

[Edward Converse engageth his lands.] These are to witness that I, Edward Converse, inhabitant of the town of Woburn in New England, in consideration of divers benefits by me received, namely, meadow, commonage, and planting land from the said town, and further to receive from time to time, as shall be thought meet for me to receive, do hereby promise, that all my land which I had before the placing down this town, near adjoining to the said town, shall be used for the benefit of church and town, as all other men's proprieties in the said town are, and this I promise for me, my heirs, and assigns, forever, witness my hand, EDWARD CONVERSE.

[John Mousall engageth his lands.] These are to witness that I, John Mousall, inhabitant of the town of Woburn in New England, in consideration of divers benefits by me received, namely, meadow, commonage, and planting land from the said town, and further to receive from time to time, as shall be thought meet for me to receive, do hereby promise, that all my land, which I had before the placing down of this town, near adjoining to the said town, shall be used for the benefit of church and town, as all other men's proprieties, in the said town are, and this I promise for me, my heirs and assigns forever, witness my hand, JOHN MOUSALL.

[Ezekiel Richardson, Samuel Richardson, Thomas Richardson engage their land.] These witness that we Ezekiel Richardson, Samuel Richardson, and Thomas Richardson, inhabitants of Woburn in New England, in consideration of divers benefits by us received, namely, meadow, commonage, and planting land from the said town, and further to receive from time to time as shall be thought convenient for us to receive, do hereby promise that all our lands which we had before the placing down this town, near adjoining to the said town, shall be used for the benefit of the church and town, as all other proprieties are in the said town; and this we promise for ourselves and our heirs forever, witness our hands, EZEKIEL RICHARDSON, SAMUEL RICHARDSON, THOMAS RICHARDSON.

[7*] [1644.] This year there fell a very great snow near the spring; and some willing to redeem time, made choice of new men to do the town's business within the year, on the 19th of Feb., 1645.

[The 2d Selectmen.] FOR SELECTMEN.
 Edward Johnson, Ezekiel Richardson,
 Edward Converse, Samuel Richardson,
 John Mousall, John Wright.
 William Learned,
 For Constable—William Learned.
 Surveyors—Michael Bacon, Ralph Hill, Thomas Richardson.

[Sept. 8.] It was ordered that those which are chosen deputies for to serve at the general court, shall have sixpence for every day's service they spend at the court, as well for what is past as what is to come, beside their diet.

[Sept. 30.] Brother William Learned, John Mousall, and John Wright are desired to take a view of what farther land shall be added to the common field, that is already laid out, provided it do not damnify the public.

[Nov. 25.] [The exchange of Isaac Learned's land made good.] It was ordered that William Learned should have three score and twelve acres of land laid out to his son Isaac Learned, in recompense of sixty and six acres which he hath formerly given to the town, of the which he is to have six acres and one-half for a house lot; he hath over and above laid out already this six acres, and he is to have four in meadow, in the convenientest place may be, after those are served which the town is engaged to already; the residue being sixty acres, he is to have laid out the one-half in Forest Field and the other half in Plain Field.

[Nov. 4.] [Highways. Up Street. Sawpit lane. Military lane.] A highway laid out through Mr. Trarice's land and the land of Michael Bacon and Charlestown lots, leading to Shawshin, commonly known or called by the name of Up Street; also one lane or common highway, leading to the said street through William Johnson's land called or known by the name of Sawpit Lane, as also one other lane leading to the same street called by the name of Military Lane.

A country rate made Sept. 8, 1645.

[This was the first country rate.]

	[£]	[s.]	[d.]
Daniel Bacon,	000	04	04
John Pierce,	000	03	08
James Thompson,	000	11	02
Simon Thompson,	000	05	02
John Mousall,	000	13	02
William Learned,	000	11	02
Henry Tottingham,	000	06	06
James Britton,	000	00	10
Benjamin Butterfield,	000	04	06
George Farley,	000	01	06
Francis Kendall,	000	05	08
John Wright,	000	04	10
John Seers,	000	02	06
Richard Snow,	000	00	—
[8*] Allen Converse,	000	01	00
Henry Jeffs,	000	04	10
Edward Winn,	000	03	10
Thomas Pierce,	000	03	00
James Parker,	000	04	01
John Russell,	000	02	02
Michael Lepingwell,	000	03	06
Robert Chalkly,	000	00	10
John Tidd,	000	03	10
Thomas Chamberlain,	000	00	08
Abraham Parker,	000	00	10
Thomas Fuller,	000	03	00
John Wymau,	000	03	02
Francis Wymau,	000	03	02
Ralph Hill,	000	05	02
Edward Converse,	001	03	02
James Converse,	000	05	00
Samuel Richardson,	000	19	00
Ezekiel Richardson,	001	00	00
Thomas Richardson,	000	12	04
John Carter,	000	02	08
William Green,	000	02	06
Edward Johnson,	000	16	02
Nicholas Trarice,	000	11	00
Christopher Holland,	000	00	08
Nicholas Davis,	000	12	10
William Simonds,	000	03	08
Lambert Sutton,	000	04	06
Michael Bacon,	000	08	06
John Green,	000	02	04
Richard Post,	000	00	08
[Total sum,	£13	4s	4d]

[NOTE.—Some of the figures in the pence column of the above list are obliterated in the original, and others are difficult to decipher at this date.—Eds.]

[Mar. 3.] An account of laws disposed by the selectmen in the former year was given in, as also an account of John Mousall, for what he had received for lands and laid out on our pastor's house.

[The third choice of Selectmen in 1646.]

Edward Johnson,
John Mousall,
Edward Converse,
Ezekiel Richardson,

Samuel Richardson,
James Thompson,
John Wright.

John Tidd, Constable.

Surveyors for Highways—Edward Converse, Edward Winn, Lambert Sutton.

For Fences—John Tidd, John Seers, Thomas Pierce.

Deputy—Edward Johnson.

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(10.) "Friendly Field, now Boggy Meadow Field." In the quarter of the town in or near Wilmington [in the direction of the Chemical Works and vicinity?]

"The next third day of the week, in the first month in the next year." Or the first Tuesday in March. The diary of Samuel Thompson, Esq., Woburn, 1782—1814, shows that during his time the annual meeting for the election of town officers was held uniformly on the first Monday in March, which would show that after the town was fairly started, the official tenure of those officers closed for many years on the first Tuesday in March, as was the custom at the time of the first settlement. The meetings for the election of town officers appear to be held at first with considerable irregularity as to the time of holding the meetings, but the time for the ending of the official term continued to be the same for a lengthy period. To trace the length of time municipal institutions have existed is an interesting study in connection with the publication of these records, and the editors hope as the publication progresses to be able to shed much light on the origin of the procedure in vogue at the present time in our municipal matters.

Forest Field; Plain Field. Forest Hill Field in Burlington in the vicinity of the present meeting-house is the same as the former. Forest Hill being the height on which that edifice stands, according to deeds submitted to our inspection by John Johnson, Esq. Plain Field, on the way from the Centre to the Converse Mill in the early days, was the level tract in the present "West Side" of Winchester, now in a high state of cultivation by the West Side farmers, and beginning to be encroached upon by the fine cottage residences of a constantly increasing population.

(11.) Highways: Up-Street; Sawpit Lane; Military Lane. We can add little to what is presented on this subject in Sewall's *Hist. of Woburn*, pp. 25-26. The first roads were apparently mere wood-paths variously turning to accommodate the houses of the scattered settlers and accurate representations of them cannot at this day be confidently assured. It is certain that they took long circuits to avoid hills and wet places, and that many of them, like later roads hereabouts, were very crooked, so much so that the town became famous for this one feature. [See *Winchester Record*, vol. ii, p. 421; vol. iii, pp. 17-23, etc.]

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N. B. Marginal references of the original are in brackets.

[March 17.] Agreed to send to the selectmen of Charlestown this letter following:

[9*]. [1646.] [Woburn's letter to Charlestown men.] To our much respected and much approved good friends of Charlestown chosen to order the prudential affairs thereof.

Much respected and ancient friends:

We are bold to interrupt your present precious employments with request for issue of those things, which certain of our beloved brethren among you were chosen unto; now our humble request is that they may end it forthwith, if otherwise they cannot so do, our further request is that some others uninterested in the things, may put a friendly issue to the same; our last request is that if neither of these will do, then in a brotherly and friendly way to petition to the general court that we may not bequeath matter of difference to our posterity; thus with hope of a present answer, in writing, to our so reasonable request.

We remain yours to be commanded in all service of love in Christ our Lord.

[April 14. A highway named Plain Street.] A highway or street was laid out leading to Cambridge mill and town the one way and Up Street and Shawshin the other way, then through the land of John Carter, two poles within his old hedge, next his dwelling house and so through the rest of Charlestown lots called or known by the name of Plain Street.

[April 14.] A common lane was laid out leading from Kingsford to Plain Street, through the land of Mr. Zachariah Symmes' land and Edward Converse's land, one pole of breadth in the land of the one and one pole of breadth in the land of the other, commonly called by the name of Driver's Lane.

[June 9. Order about gates.] It was ordered that all highways leading to the meeting house or any other common lands or roads or feed of cattle, appointed to be common ways by the town, shall be made good and repaired at the public charge, and all gates and bars appointed shall be made and repaired at the same cost, and further it is ordered that if any person shall leave any of the same open, whereby damage may come, they shall pay twelve pence for every defect, the one half to the informer and the other to the town's use.

[July 7. Highway to Reading.] It was ordered that Edward Converse and John Seers should speak with our neighbors of Reading, that they may appoint some others with them to lay out a highway between them and us.

[Sept. 14.] Agreed that the town should be called together to reckon about the meeting house, and to conclude about a way for the laying out the full proportion of every man's land.

Edward Converse and Samuel Richardson are appointed to lay out a highway between this town and Mistick Bridge, being joined with some of Charlestown and some of Mistick Houses.

[Sept. 29.] Agreed that Sergeant John Tidd, John Mousall, Thomas Fuller, John Seers, shall look out and lay forth farther enlargement of land, if they shall see meet to Mr. Thomas Carter, our reverend pastor, also to Miles Nutt, Francis Wyman, John Wyman, Ralph Hill, and make return to the selectmen at the next meeting how much they lay to every man.

Agreed that Miles Nutt should have his house lot enlarged on the east side to the side of the swamp, also Ralph Hill to have his house lot enlarged one acre and one half to the northwest side of his lot.

[10*]. [1646. Lots drawn.] Agreed that lots shall be drawn the next second day by those that have yet their land to be laid out, and the land to be laid out the first second day after the next sessions of the general court.

[Reckoned with the constable.] Reckoned with Isaac Learned, and remained due to the town, one pound, nine shillings, three pence.

[Deputy paid.] At which time Edward Johnson received of the town for his time spent at the general court and some other expenses, four pounds, thirteen shillings, the last court of election and all the sessions thereof being yet unaccounted for.

[Dec. 22.] A town rate made by the selectmen for the town affairs. John Wright was chosen for the town.

[A town rate.]

	[£]	[s.]	[d.]
Imprimis, Daniel Bacon,	000	03	00
John Pierce,	000	04	02
James Thompson,	000	07	01
Simon Thompson,	000	04	01
John Mousall,	000	11	01
William Learned,	000	07	07
Henry Tottingham,	000	04	10
James Britton,	000	01	11
Benjamin Butterfield,	000	04	10
George Farley,	000	04	00
Francis Kendall,	000	04	09
John Wright,	000	06	01
John Seers,	000	05	01
Richard Snow,	000	02	11
Allen Converse,	000	03	05
Henry Jefs,	000	02	10
Edward Winn,	000	05	04
Thomas Pierce,	000	04	02
James Parker,	000	06	03
John Russell,	000	05	02
Michael Lepingwell,	000	03	09
John Tidd,	000	07	06
Thomas Chamberlain,	000	03	02
Abraham Parker,	000	03	08
Thomas Fuller,	000	04	05
John Wyman,	000	04	04
Francis Wyman,	000	04	04
Ralph Hill,	000	06	05
Edward Converse,	000	19	02
James Converse,	000	00	01
Samuel Richardson,	000	19	00
Ezekiel Richardson,	000	13	00
Thomas Richardson,	000	08	06
John Carter,	000	03	07
William Green,	000	03	06
Edward Johnson,	000	12	10
Miles Nutt,	000	05	10
Nicholas Davis,	000	10	07
Francis Littlefield,	000	03	04
William Simonds,	000	03	09
Richard Post,	000	03	06
Michael Bacon,	000	03	04
Lambert Sutton	000	02	02
John Tidd, Jr.	000	01	10
Henry Baldwin,	000	01	11
John Cutler,	000	01	09

[Total sum, £13 5s —]

[11*]. [1647.] James Thompson, John Seers, Allen Converse, John Russell and James Parker are appointed a committee to look on a parcel of land desired by Michael Lepingwell and make return to the next meeting, whether it may not be prejudicial to the town for him to have it.

[John Mousall's meadow.] James Thompson and John Mousall are granted the residue of their proportion of meadow, being five acres, in a place called Berry Meadow, to be laid out good and bad, as formerly hath been to others.

It is farther agreed that all who want their promised proportion of meadow shall seek out some place for the laying of it out between this and the last of May next, and to make the selectmen acquainted with the place where they desire to have it, that if it may be thought fit, they may have it laid out forthwith.

[Mr. Carter's meadow, 1647.] Mr. Thomas Carter is to have three acres of meadow laid out in the next place. Simon Thompson is to have two acres in the next place, and three quarters make meadow.

Agreed by the general vote of the whole town that for the time to come the day of choice of selectmen, constables, surveyors, as also a deputy or deputies to serve at the general court for the whole year, shall be on the first second day of the first month.

[Selectmen chosen, 1647.] Selectmen chosen for the year 1647.

Edward Johnson,	Ezekiel Richardson,
Edward Converse,	Miles Nutt,
John Mousall,	John Tidd.
John Wright,	

Surveyors—Edward Johnson, Benjamin Butterfield, Samuel Richardson.
For constable—John Wright.

Deputy—Edward Johnson.

[John Seers meadow in New Meadows.] John Seers is to have the rest of his promised proportion, being two acres in New Meadows, at the upper end, to be laid out, good and bad together, as others have had formerly.

[Mar. 27.] Edward Johnson, John Wright, Benjamin Butterfield and Thomas Pierce are appointed a committee to see who they are that do really want any parcel of meadow or make meadow, formerly supposed to be laid out unto them, and make return thereof to those that are appointed to act in the town affairs, that they may be supplied.

Edward Johnson is granted seventeen acres of meadow to be laid out with the next opportunity.

[May 11.] Edward Converse is granted that piece of meadow that lyeth within the bounds of this town in Parley Meadow, for so much of his proportion of two acres granted him, as it shall rise unto, by measure. The men or committee appointed to see who they are that do really want of their proportion of meadow, supposed formerly to be laid out, are appointed to go and issue the same work, the third second day of the seventh month next.

[Oct. 10, 1647.] A general meeting of the inhabitants the 10th of October.

[The parcelling out the meadows.] By the consent of the major vote of the inhabitants present, it was agreed, seven men should divide the remainder of meadow as yet unlaid out, who together with the selectmen shall have power (after they have laid to every man, his promised proportion) to hear the complaints of all such in the first place as yet have no meadow; secondly, to hear the complaints of all such as yet have but five acres; afterwards, they are to hear the complaints of all others, and to dispose to every one according to their best judgment.

The persons chosen are: James Parker, John Russell, Thomas Fuller, George Farley, Allen Converse, Abraham Parker and Thomas Pierce; provided they only lay out the meadow at this side the head of Ipswich River that runneth into Reading bounds, and all grants shall be holden good, provided they be given by a major part of the whole number of fourteen; provided they do issue the work between this and the 12th of November next.

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(12.) The letter at the beginning of this instalment has reference to the establishment of the division line between Woburn and Charlestown. No immediate response appears to have been made to the letter. See Sewall's *Woburn*, pp. 27-28.

"Cambridge mill and town." Or the mill on the privilege now owned by Mr. Samuel A. Fowle in the present town of Arlington, which territory was formerly (till 1807) a part of Cambridge. The "town" in Cambridge (in 1646) was the part of the present city now known by the name of "Old Cambridge." The location of these early mills seems to have governed the location of highways in this section; as the mills were, at first, few and indispensable to the necessities of the colonists. The mill here mentioned was the earliest, with the exception of a windmill, erected in Cambridge, and was built in 1637, or the year previous, by Colonel George Cooke, its owner, who as one of Cromwell's officers was slain afterwards in Ireland in the wars in 1652. It was thus called Cooke's Mill, and through subsequent ownership was known as Rolfe's Mill and Cutter's Mill, from John Rolfe, whose daughter married William Cutter, seven generations of whose descendants of the Cutter race have owned the premises to the present year, 1883, making an unbroken succession in the ownership of one race, or family, from 1670, of 218 years. (See *Hist. Art.*, chap. ii.)

Plain Street crossed the Plain Field, named in the previous instalment of the records, and Cambridge Street in the westerly portions of Woburn and Winchester, is its modern equivalent. See the description of this road in Sewall's *Woburn*, p. 26, where reference is made to its branching towards the Shawshin in Burlington.

Shawshin strictly speaking is, according to former authorities, the Indian name of the present town of Billerica. The name has however survived as that of the river; but as the spelling of the ancient Indian names is unsettled, it is deemed best that the spelling of such names used by Capt. Edward Johnson be closely followed. His spelling of this word is plainly *Shawshin*, and therefore that way is here adopted as the standard. How much of the geography of Burlington may apply to the Shawshin territory is difficult at the present time to estimate; but probably some of the territory of Burlington did apply to that term, as the historian Sewall implies on page 26 of his work already quoted.

(13.) Kingsford. At the site of Cold Bridge, over or through the Aberjona, near the present Whitney's mill. Driver's Lane, described by Sewall, *Hist.* p. 27, has its modern equivalent in the present Church Street in Winchester. There is no dispute

on the location of either Driver's Lane or Plain Street, by the members of our local historical societies.

Mistick Bridge has reference to the bridge over the river at Medford Centre, and "Mistick Houses" refers apparently to the small cluster of dwellings forming the (then) village of Medford (1646).

(14.) Berry Meadow. A name that has descended to the present time, being the name of a tract in North Woburn, lying southerly of Mountain Street and westerly of Main Street, and near the spot where the horse car stable is at present located.

In 1798 five citizens, all residents of the present North Woburn, had an interest in this meadow. First, Josiah Brown, whose house stood near it. The schedule of Woburn real estate of 1798, says the house was one story. This house many now living well remember. Brown had also a shoemaker's shop at that time, with three acres of land, bounded east on the road and west on Berry Meadow. Mr. Waterman Brown of Woburn, who was born in this house, says he has heard the neighboring land called by the name of Berry Meadow very many times, and has kindly pointed out to us its location. Berry Meadow also is traversed by a stream called Berry Brook; and this brook we find named on a plan of roads in Burlington, Wilmington and Woburn in 1852, by C. and S. F. Thompson, in the locality above stated.

The second mention of Berry Meadow in the real estate list of 1798, is under the name of Jabez Thompson, who owned 15 acres of wood and meadow land, known "by the name of Berry Meadow," the wood being "all young wood."

The next was Hiram Thompson, who owned 20 acres of Berry Meadow pasture. The next was Samuel Thompson, Esq., who owned 2 acres called Berry Meadow, and the last was Jonathan Thompson, who also owned 2 acres in the same meadow.

Uniformly in August, Samuel Thompson went away in his lot in Berry Meadow from 1791 and onwards, according to his diary. In 1796, he mentions Berry Meadow in a schedule of his lands. Thus are some of these old names retained.

All of the Thompsons above mentioned are descendants of James Thompson, to whom a portion of this meadow was granted in 1647.

(15.) "First second day of the first month." Or the first Monday in March. This vote of 1647 was the origin possibly of the annual town meeting for the election of town officers in March, which custom existed with some exceptions till the present century. In the last century the diary of Samuel Thompson, Esquire, shows that this meeting occurred regularly on the first Monday in March, and his entries refer to it as the "Annual Meeting," the "March Meeting," and the "Town Meeting." Occasionally it was held in his time at the Second Parish (or in the present Burlington). He cites one interesting exception however to the regularity of its occurrence. On Feb. 22, 1802, commenced a violent snow storm of 14 inches depth. The snow before being 12 inches deep made a body of 26 inches of snow. Three days afterwards fell 5 inches more, and on the following day 3 inches. By the 27th inst., this quantity of snow began to melt, and soon there was a large body of water under the snow. On the next day, Sunday, it was very difficult to pass the great roads, and no preaching services were held. Monday, March 1, was the day for the annual town meeting, but that meeting owing evidently to the small attendance was adjourned. More snow then fell, and by the 3d of March, the snow and water were deep and the travelling bad. On the 4th, the bad travelling was continued, and again on the 5th, the snow, ice and water abounded. On Sunday, the 7th, there was again no preaching service, but on Monday, the 8th, the town managed to meet "on adjournment of meeting."

(16.) Parley Meadow. The location of this meadow was apparently near the Reading line, in the direction of Pleasant Field, which was towards Reading, per Sewall, *Hist.* p. 31.

"The head of Ipswich River that runneth into Reading bounds," which the river of that name certainly did. The plan of Woburn made by Samuel Thompson, Esquire, in 1794, shows two streams each of which is named "head of Ipswich River." Both of these streams have their rise in the present town of Burlington, and unite in the present town of Wilmington, to form the Ipswich River, which passes thence to the Readings of the present day.

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[12*]. [Dec. 7, 1647.] Miles Nutt, James Thompson, and John Wright were chosen to lay out a highway from the three Richardsons to the town meeting house one way and Mr. Thomas Graves the other way.

John Mousall, John Wright and John Russell are appointed to look on a piece of land desired by the two Wymans and to make return the next meeting of the selectmen.

John Wyman and George Farley are granted the remainder of Henry Tottingham's lot where the bridge runs over Boggy Meadow.

Miles Nutt and John Wright are chosen a committee to look on a piece of meadow near Buck Meadow and make return how much Edward Converse desires there.

[Jan. 27.] It was agreed that another man should be chosen to join with those that were formerly chosen to lay out the meadow, and make the number fifteen; the person chosen is James Britton.

[Feb. 12, 1648.] The committee chosen to measure the meadows, met on the day and year expressed and agreed as followeth:

[Firstly. John Pierce.] Imprimis, that John Pierce and Daniel Bacon shall have that piece of meadow now lying in our bounds by the last running Reading line in loose meadow; it being equally divided between them.

[Secondly. George Farley.] They have granted George Farley a small parcel of meadow near Boggy-meadow Bridge, called Boggy Hole.

[Thirdly. James Britton.] They have granted James Britton a parcel of meadow in Shred Pine, to be laid at the upper end of the lots last laid out, and also in Frog Hole, the lot next Isaac Learned's and the bushy lot next it to remain to the town still.

[Fourthly. Francis Kendall.] Francis Kendall is granted one parcel of meadow lying in Shred Pine at the place above expressed.

[Fifthly. Thomas Chamberlain.] Thomas Chamberlain is granted the bushy lot next James Britton's above expressed.

[Sixthly. Richard Snow.] There was granted to Benjamin Butterfield and Richard Snow the lot formerly laid to George Farley, which he hath given up to the town again; it is equally to be divided between them.

[Seventhly.] Granted to Thomas Fuller one parcel of meadow near Rag Rock, called Rag Rock Hole.

[Eighthly.] Granted to Abraham Parker one small parcel of meadow, lying near the new bridge leading to Mount Playnum to be laid out, one acre and twenty poles.

[Ninthly.] Granted to Henry Jeffs one parcel of meadow lying in the way to Forest Field, to be divided equally between him and Allen Converse.

[Edward Converse grant meadow. Tenthly.] Edward Converse is granted two parcels of meadow lying near Buck Meadow; that these persons following shall have their proportions as is here expressed.

[Eleventhly.] Imprimis, Isaac Learned to have four acres in Little Rock Meadow, two of which is to be meadow and the other two make meadow, and also to have four acres in Great Meadow, to begin at the lower end.

Richard Post to have the other part of Little Rock Meadow and two acres adjoining to Isaac Learned in Great Meadow.

It was farther granted that John Tidd, Jr., Henry Baldwin and Edward Iron, or Wheeler [?] to have each of them two acres apiece in Mill Rock Meadow and Berry Meadow, and each of them three acres apiece in Great Meadow, next Richard Post.

[Seventeen acres to Edward Johnson.] It was agreed that Michael Bacon and Thomas Fuller shall lay out seventeen acres of meadow in Long Meadow, Rock Meadow tail and Brook Meadow down stream to Edward Johnson, and to make up John Green's meadow in Long Meadow eight acres; lastly, that thirty acres of the meadow considered by this committee shall remain to the use of the town.

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(17.) Highway from the "three Richardsons to the town meeting house one way, and Mr. Thomas Graves the other way." Mr. Sewall (Hist. pp. 70-71) presents the theory that this highway was the commencement of Richardson's Row (see Hist., also, p. 27) and that the reference to Mr. Thomas Graves implied a house, located he infers not in the limits of Woburn, but in some place on the road from Woburn within the bounds of Charlestown. Now we do not believe that the mention made in the records had reference to a house, but to his estate, in Woburn. The Waterfield map of the Winchester Historical Society, shows that in 1638 the estate of Thomas Graves was located on the Aberjona River at a position near and crossing the present line of Winchester and Montvale (East Woburn) at the spot where the location of Woburn village was first contemplated at the original settlement. His estate as given in the *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, printed since Sewall's Hist. of Woburn was issued, shows him to have been the owner of but one house which may have been considered his residence; and this, as now all know, was at Charlestown proper (or the peninsula), the location being shown in the work just quoted, and also in the work recently issued by Mr. J. F. Hunnewell, entitled "A Century of Town Life." The incorrectness of Sewall's theory has been already alluded to by the present writer in the

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Winchester Record, vol. ii. (1886) p. 397. The inference is that the situation may be represented by the letter T, the right arm of the letter showing the direction of the location of the "three Richardsons" on the present Richardson's Row in the easterly part of Winchester, and the left arm the direction of "Mr. Thomas Graves" estate in the neighborhood of the present Montvale, while the tail or body of the letter represents the direction from both of the highway to the town meeting house at Woburn Centre, being as the records say "from the three Richardsons' one way;" and from the junction of Richardson's Row and said highway, extending to "Mr. Thomas Graves the other way."

Citizens of Woburn, Winchester, Wilmington and Burlington are invited to aid in the correction of the following localities.

(18.) Buck Meadow: Edward Converse's property, and mentioned in his will (1659) as lying on the east and west sides of the brook or river in said meadow; named it is presumed from the deer, and not from the surname, which first appeared in the town a number of years later. The schedule of Woburn estates in 1793, shows mention of this name six several times, viz:

(1) Josiah Converse, who owned one piece of meadow, containing 4 acres, bounded east on the River, known by the name of Buck Meadow, valued (in 1798) at \$12 per acre, at \$48.

(2) John Flagg, one meadow, 18 acres, called Buck Meadow, valued at \$12 per acre, \$216.

(3) Bartholomew Richardson, the 3d, 1 acre in Buck Meadow, so called, value \$15. (4) Zadock Richardson, 1 acre ditto, \$15. (5) Barabas Richardson, 2 acres, ditto, bounded east on the River, southwest on Josiah Converse, north on Edward Richardson, value at \$14 an acre, \$28. (6) Edward Richardson, 3 1/2 acres, ditto, bounded east on Jesse Richardson, value \$46.

The river named in the preceding descriptions is that portion of the Aberjona River, which flowing through the territory of the Richardsons was called about the year 1793, the "Richardson River" by the people of that time.

The locality of Buck Meadow is still more closely traced in a rough sketch of a lot of that name belonging to James F. Baldwin, Esq., under date of April 3, 1860, which sketch is one of the collection of plans made by C. and S. F. Thompson, surveyors, now the property of our Public Library. Mr. Baldwin's Buck Meadow lot was located on Middle Street in Woburn, near the bridge over the Boston & Lowell Railroad, and adjoining to the mill lately of Stephen Richardson & Sons, and borders on the stream which passes from their mill, being easterly also of the railroad track. It is evident that the meadow embraced formerly a much larger tract than the lot of Mr. Baldwin alone would imply.

Shred Pine and Frog Hole are in the same general locality as Buck Meadow just named, and all are not a great distance from Boggy Meadow.

(19) Shred Pine. The name of a locality in the same quarter of the town as Buck Meadow, and situated near the line of steam railroad which has existed since 1835 in the easterly part of Woburn.

The locality may have been quite extensive originally. We find that Joseph Fowle had 15 acres of woodland, bounded east on "the road leading to Shred Pine," in 1798. That Elisha Totttingham owned 25 acres, called the "Poole place," west partly on the river, and partly on a "road leading to Shred Pine," in 1798, and James H. Eames owned a lot in "Shred Pine Meadow," so called, containing 4 acres, in 1798, bounded east, west and north on Jeduthun Richardson, and south on Joshua Tay. "Shred Pine woods" is the location of Benjamin Wood's "Zebadiah Wyman lot" in a plan by Cyrus Thompson, surveyor, A. D. 1844, and "Shred Pine Meadow" the location of another lot of Benjamin Wood's, area 3 acres and upwards, sold to Stephen Richardson & Sons, per plan by C. Thompson, A. D. 1846.

Frog Hole may have been also the name of a quite extensive territory originally.

(20.) Frog Hole, not far from Buck Meadow, is seven times mentioned in the schedule of Woburn property in 1798. It may not be well to specify too minutely the past ownership of a spot one portion of which is familiar to the boys of a past generation, as the swimming place of some of them and their fathers. But in 1798 the owners of lands in this spot were Andrew Evans, who owned 42 acres, part wood, pasture and meadow, known by the name of Frog Hole; Samuel Fowle, 14 acres, valued at \$10 an acre; Marshall Fowle (Josiah Converse, guardian), 27 1/2 acres, "poor land," bounded west on a town road, value per acre, \$8; Jesse Richardson, 4 acres meadow, value per acre, \$17; Samuel Tidd, 6 acres, bounded south on Jeduthun Richardson, north on John Flagg; Elisha Totttingham, 1 1/2 acres meadow; and Capt. Benjamin Wyman, who owned 12 acres of pasture "called Frog Hole," bought of Asquith Thompson. The Thompson plans, repeatedly mentioned in these notes, show a plan of a Frog Hole lot, area 3 1/2 acres, belonging to Charles A. Wyman and others, under date of Sept. 20, 1853. The above Wyman lot being a part of the Fowle land above mentioned.

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(21.) Rag' Rock. The ancient name of Woburn's well-known rocky height; "Rag" (Old English) meaning "rugged, or rocky."—See article on the derivation of some early names, in *Winchester Record*, vol. ii. (1886) p. 57. This name is eleven times mentioned in the schedule of Woburn property in 1798, and we will give here the names of the owners of lots named in connection with it. They are: Josiah Converse, Jr.; Samuel E. and Elijah Wyman (30 ac.); Samuel Fowle; Josiah Fowle; John Flagg (18 ac.); Benjamin Fowle (20 ac.); Widow Jane Fowle; John Fowle (Josiah Converse, guardian); Doctor Sylvanus Plympton (15 ac.); Bartholomew Richardson, 2d; and Zebadiah Wyman. The descent in the ownership of these lots in the Elijah Wyman, John Flagg and Doctor Plympton families may be traced to a comparatively recent period by means of the C. & S. F. Thompson plans of modern date.

(22.) Mount Playnum, meaning probably Plainum, an uncouth name to be sure, but located it is supposed near the "Plain" in Cummingsville, being the height in present Burlington limits, in rear of the house of Mrs. Samuel Winn and the school house adjacent, and also called in former times "Mine Hill" or "Mineral Hill," and sometimes "Copper Mountain;" the new bridge of 1648 leading to Mount Playnum, being across the stream, it is supposed, near the spot where Mr. John Johnson had formerly his mill and residence at Cummingsville on present Burlington Street.

We are aided in this conclusion by particulars found in the well-known *Book of the Lockes*, a work published more than thirty years ago (1853).

(23.) Little Rock Meadow. Within the present bounds of Burlington in the vicinity of Durenville in Woburn. [See *Locke Book*, pp. 28, 96, etc.; and still further interesting particulars in the *Hist. Reed Family* (1861) pp. 65, 83, 86-87.] Rock Meadow is nearly the same thing, and is mentioned in a plan bearing the name of William Duren as late as 1861. Make meadow is another name for made meadow; and Great Meadow is in the vicinity of Rock Meadow in Burlington limits and in the neighborhood of the Lexington line also.

Great Meadow is mentioned in Josiah Johnson's deed to William Locke, Jr. 1704, and as bounded easterly by the River (probably Vine Brook). Rock Meadow Plain is named in a deed to the same Locke, 1705; and Brook Meadow named in a deed to the same Locke from Samuel Johnson, 1704, and Pine Meadow, named in deeds to said Locke, 1701-1726, are in the same general locality as the first named, being first in a part of Woburn, and secondly in a part of Burlington, and lastly set off for the greater part, to Lexington in 1799. Here the above said William Locke lived. The Brook Meadow was "below Jacob Kendall's Saw mill" in 1704, and the

Pine Meadow is described as late as 1788, as land lying in the "Second Parish in Woburn" (or in present Burlington). Further, Long Meadow, named in the preceding extracts from the records, was apparently near Long Meadow Brook in Burlington in the vicinity of the South School House on the Lexington Road, so called, per recent maps. It is not to be confounded, however, with Long's Meadow, or the well known Town Meadow at Woburn Centre, which was named for Robert Long, being the location of his allotment from Charlestown in 1638, or four years before the incorporation of Woburn. A facsimile deed in the *Winchester Record*, vol. ii. p. 238, contains the transfer of a small piece of (the Burlington) Long Meadow, formerly belonging to Capt. Edward Johnson, from Josiah Johnson, of Boston, a grandson of Capt. Edward, to John Walker, of Woburn, 1694.

(24.) Mill Rock Meadow is presumed to be the same as Millstone Meadow, westerly of the present village of North Woburn, and is described in plans of the ownership of James F. Baldwin in 1852, as "partly in Woburn and partly in Burlington and in a place called Millstone Meadows." The ownership in the names of Tidd and Baldwin in 1648, would imply a record extending to the present time. Edward Irons, or Wheeler, was the first Woburn town pauper, and his true surname would appear to be unsettled. The term Mill Rock would, however, imply that the meadow contained a rock which the colonists considered suitable for the manufacture of millstones.

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[March 14, 1648.] In consideration of those that have had formerly but five acres it is agreed these nineteen persons following shall have one acre and one half, amounting to twenty-eight acres and one half.

13= [13*] [Seventeen persons granted meadow]. Miles Nutt and George Farley to have their's in Never's Meadow; Thomas Pierce and William Simonds to have their's in Pine Meadow; Abraham Parker to have half an acre with them and an acre at foot of Mount Playnum, called Parker's Meadow.

[These are grants of meadow to several persons, which grants are on this side of Maple Meadow River.] Francis and John Wyman to have their's in the swamp next their house, and if they refuse, then James Parker and Thomas Fuller to change with them, provided it be done in three days after this present day.

Daniel Bacon, James Britton, John Pierce, Francis Kenall, Richard Snow, Henry Jeffs, Allen Converse, Michael Lepingwell, James Parker, John Russell, and Thomas Chamberlain to have their proportion in Maple Meadows, to begin at the lower end and to go on in order as they are set down, and Thomas Fuller to have his in some place, where he shall find it out, at the discretion of the selectmen, or elsewhere, if they see it good. Thomas Richardson is granted one parcel of meadow lying at the foot of Mount Discovery, provided it lay in our town bounds.

Samuel Richardson is granted two acres of meadow in Great Meadow in the next place.

[John Wright, John Tidd, Benjamin Butterfield, Miles Nutt, John Carter, these lots thrid grants sold and had it in Settle Meadow.] John Wright to have two acres in the next place.

John Tidd to have one acre in the next place.

Benjamin Butterfield one in the next place.

Miles Nutt one acre in the next place.

John Carter to have two acres in the next place.

The seven men that laid it out to have half an acre apiece following.

[Oct. 4. 1648.] Isaac Learned was discharged of his account concerning his father, who deceased, being constable, upon an after account made the 23rd of August.

Upon account of John Tidd, constable, for the town rate, and he is to gather the remainder, being ten shillings and nine-pence.

Upon account with John Wright, constable, for a country rate made the 13th of May, 1647, and another rate made in December, and there is due to him ten pence from the town, he also brought a discharge from the treasurer.

Accounted by Edward Johnson, and there is due to him from the town eleven shillings and nine pence.

[Jan. 6, 1649.] William Chamberlain admitted an inhabitant of this town and permitted to buy land for his conveniency in any place thereof, provided he unsettle not any inhabitant, and bring testimony of his peaceable behavior, which is not in the least measure, questioned.

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John Wright, Thomas Pierce and Richard Snow are appointed a committee to take notes what enlargement Henry Jeffs desires.

[Feb. 3.] John Mousall and John Wright are appointed a committee to look on a piece of meadow George Farley desires, and make return to the selectmen their apprehensions.

James Thompson and Miles Nutt are appointed a committee to look on a piece of meadow John Wright desires, and make return of their apprehensions in it to the selectmen.

John Parker and Richard Gardner are granted a parcel of meadow, called Round Meadow, to be divided equally between them.

Henry Tottingham and James Parker and Thomas Pierce are appointed a committee to dispose to John and Francis Wyman such land as they shall see meet in a place near their house lots, provided the highway be left six poles wide and the watering place left for common use; this committee is deferred to the next meeting.

John Wright, Ralph Hill and Michael Bacon, John Russell and Isaac Learned are appointed a committee to look out a piece [14*] of planting land for those that want. 14

[1649.] The persons above said are appointed with Samuel Richardson to lay out to Isaac Learned thirty acres of land, and to George Polly and Moses Cleaveland their promised sums, and Edmund Chamberlain, John Parker and William Chamberlain are to have ten acres to either of them, or twenty acres, as the committee shall see meet; they are to lay it out as shall be best for the town and proprietors, beginning at that end next Parley Meadow Brook, and adjoining to Reading line at the out side, all the way to be laid out to the persons as they are in order above expressed.

[Feb. 27, 1649.] [An order and penalty for non-appearance at a general town meeting.] It was agreed and ordered by the consent of the whole town that the last third day of February, from year to year, shall be the day for choice of all such annual officers as are in the town's power to choose, at which time the inhabitants are to meet without warning, as also then to chose deputies for the general court; and further it is agreed that if any inhabitant shall fail of making his appearance by eight of the clock in the morning, every such person shall pay to the use of the town two shillings, the like penalty to be imposed on all such as shall absent themselves above one quarter of an hour, without leave of the assembly, and also the like penalty to be imposed at any town meeting for non-appearance of any, or absence, the meeting being legally warned.

The 10th of February, 1674, this order was further confirmed by a major vote of the inhabitants present. Also the time of appearing on the day of choice to be at nine of the clock in the morning.

Ordered that all public meetings after they are begun shall continue till by consent of a major part they break up.

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[Public meeting for choice of officers.] Feb. 23, 1649. Choice of officers.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson, Miles Nutt,
Edward Converse, James Thompson,
John Mousall, Samuel Richardson,
John Wright,

Constable—Michael Bacon.
Deputy—Edward Johnson.
COMMISSIONERS—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall.
SURVEYORS—John Mousall, John Seers, James Converse, William Simonds.

[March 3, 1649.] John Mousall, John Wright, James Thompson and Miles Nutt are chosen a committee to hire a herdsman for the town for the year to come.

Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall, John Wright are appointed to speak with our brethren of Charlestown about the settling the bounds suddenly between them and us.

[Apr. 24. Highway to mill.] Thomas Richardson, Michael Bacon and Henry Tottingham are appointed a committee [on highway] to the mill through the plain adjoining there unto.

[May 22.] Upon account with James Thompson, late constable of this town, there remains due to him one pound, two shillings and eleven pence.

It was agreed by the selectmen that the highway from the mill to Upstreet shall lay from henceforth through Edward Converse's land, and through the east end of John Carter's land, and from thence the nearest way by a

straight line till it come to the highway leading to Upstreet.

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(25.) Maple Meadows. In the southwesterly part of Wilmington. Maple Meadow River is described as west of the Middlesex Canal in Wilmington in a plan of 1801, and the stream or brook is known by its ancient name at the present time.

Pine Meadow. In Burlington, 1788. (See note 23.) Mount Discovery: Thomas Richardson granted a parcel of meadow at its foot, provided it lay in our town bounds. [In Book 1, Page 18, Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Thomas Pierce of Woburn, to Thomas Richardson of the same town, sells one parcel of land, upland and meadow, lying within Charlestown bounds, by estimation about 40 acres, sometime in the possession of John Cole (Coale) being bounded by Mount Discovery on the south-east, Mr. Graves north, the land of the said Thomas Richardson west, and Samuel Richardson east and upon Aberjona River. Acknowledged, Oct. 11, 1650, before Mr. Increase Nowell. No date otherwise.—J. W. J.] Referring, it is supposed, to some height in the present bounds of Stoneham, but adjoining the Woburn line, Stoneham being within Charlestown bounds till the year 1725. The description would lead one to believe from the reference to Mr. Graves's estate and its relation to the Aberjona River, that the height is the one near the present village of Montvale (formerly East Woburn), at whose base the present Stoneham Branch Railroad passes, and from whose summit an extensive view is revealed.

Settle Meadow. [Referred to in a deed (Midd. Reg., Book 11, Page 168) from John Flagg to John Coggin, of sale of meadow land in Woburn, at a place commonly called *Settle Meadow*, the which the said Flagg purchased of Samuel Blogget, Senior, and bounded northeast by the meadow of John Brooks and southwest by the meadow land of Jonathan Thompson, and containing by estimation 2 acres, dated June 2, 1698.—J. W. J.] The *Book of the Lockes*, p. 299, also contains reference to a deed of date 1709, from William Locke, Senior, to his son Ebenezer Locke, in which this name of Settle Meadow is mentioned, the reference in question being to one of the "Great Lots," lying in the third range of "Great Lots," so-called, "near Settle Meadow." A later reference in the town records mentions "Settle Meadow next Cedar Swamp," and both of these localities are presumed to be in the present limits of the town of Wilmington, where the Great Lots referred to in the deed of the Lockes were also.

Round Meadow. [Named in a deed (Midd. Reg., book 10, page 292) from Robert Pierce to Richard Gardner, of 3½ acres of meadow in *Round Meadow*, sold by John Parker formerly of Woburn, dated Dec. 8, 1693.—J. W. J.] From the constant reference to the name of Richard Gardner in connection with the name of this meadow, and to the situation of the upland near it, and to the known location of Richard Gardner's original residence on the rise of land opposite to the late Luke Reed residence [now Mr. Edward Russell's residence on Cambridge Street near Pond Street] in the West Side of Winchester (see Sewall's *Woburn*, p. 614). We are inclined to the belief that "Round Meadow" of the early settlement is the basin like appendage of Winter Pond near the old house now occupied by the venerable Thaddeus Parker.

(26.) Francis and John Wyman who were to have an acre and a half of meadow in the swamp next their house; and also in a place near their house lots, provided the highway be left six poles wide and the watering place left for common use. Francis and John Wyman are known to have lived on *Wyman Lane*, now Wyman street, in Woburn, and the swamp next their house or near their house lots (in 1649) is probably the swamp on the well-known "Swamp Road" or Lowell Street. The highway and watering place of 1649 are still extant, though the latter is not now in public use as it was formerly. A plan of the farm belonging to the heirs of the late Abel Winn, situated in Burlington and Woburn, and of date since 1851, shows the location of this "watering place," at some distance from the street, and adjoining the farm at present occupied by Mr. F. M. Pushee and nearly opposite the house of Mr. E. C. Colman on present Wyman Street, which in old times had been a Wyman estate.

(27.) The committee to speak with our brethren of Charlestown to settle the bounds "suddenly" between their town and ours. For the return made by this committee for the final issue of this question, see copy in Sewall's *Hist.*, pp. 28-30.

Highway to Mill. Meaning Edward Converse's mill at present Whitney's site at Winchester Centre. Mr. Arthur E. Whitney on p. 431 of vol. ii. of the *Winchester Record*, shows by extracts from the ancient town records, why the highway to the mill through the plain adjoining thereunto, refers to the present Church Street in Winchester.

Highway from the mill to Upstreet. Refers to the same matter as the preceding paragraph, including also the present Cambridge Street.

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15= [15*]. [May 22.] It was ordered by the persons aforesaid that James Thompson, Miles Nutt and John Wright shall look to the laying out the corner of Mr. Bunker's lot to the persons he hath appointed it to.

[June 19.] Michael Bacon, Isaac Learned, and George Farley are appointed to lay out six acres of meadow in Bull Meadow, which is to lie for feed for the town bulls, the one for the town and the other for the west end.

Moses Cleveland and George Polly are granted each of them thirty acres of land, five of it is to be meadow to be laid out in Bull Meadow, the upland of which their house lots are to be part, to be laid out in the new field.

[Mar. 7. Country way.] Edward Johnson and John Carter are chosen a committee to join with some other persons of Concord for to lay out an highway to Charlestown from Cambridge mill.

[Aug. 20. Forest Field.] John Russell, Sargeant Parker, Simon Thompson, Thomas Pierce and Henry Tottingham are appointed a committee to lay out a highway leading to Forest Field, as also to see the land in the said field be laid, be rectified and laid out square for the best benefit of the proprietor and town, and further they are to see Francis and John Wyman have their full in the swamp next their house according to what the town hath appointed them, and to make return to the selectmen what they have done therein by the 27th of the first month next.

[John Mousall's exchange of land.] Thomas Pierce, Isaac Learned and Henry Tottingham are appointed a committee to take notes of a piece of land to be exchanged by John Mousall for a parcel of land of his and to make return herein what they conceive.

The persons above expressed did make their return that it would not be prejudicial to the town to make exchange with the above named John Mousall, to which the selectmen for the town consent, and have exchanged the land accordingly.

[Feb. 26, 1650.] Choice of town officers in the year 1650.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson, Samuel Richardson,
Edward Converse, Miles Nutt,
John Mousall, James Thompson.
John Wright,

FOR CONSTABLE—Henry Brooks.

OVERSEERS FOR HIGHWAYS—James Thompson, Henry Tottingham.

FOR DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall.

[Apr. 23.] Abraham Parker was to be considered for half an acre of meadow which he affirms was formerly to be granted him.

[June 24.] It was then agreed that the committee formerly appointed to lay out land for Isaac Learned and some other persons, shall have further power to lay out to John Knight ten acres, beside twenty acres more for the land disposed by him to his two sons, and they shall also lay out to Richard Holden so much as shall make up the full of [16*] thirty acres, being added to that he hath already, as also to make up the like sum to Robert Pierce and Joseph Knight. 16=

[Aug. 26, 1650] It is further ordered that Samuel Tidd shall have four acres of meadow laid out in a meadow called Drum Meadow, to begin at which end he pleaseth, and William Chamberlain to have the residue, provided they continue to improve it to their houses they build.

Edward Johnson, John Knight and John Tidd are appointed a committee to look on a piece of land Michael Bacon desires to exchange with the town.

Edward Johnson did resign up the house plot granted him at the west end of the town meadow, and it was now granted to Joseph Parker.

[Nov. 5.] Michael Bacon was granted him a parcel of land by exchange which he purchased of Samuel Carter, being formerly the land of John Palmer, being by estimation ten acres more or less, situate at a place called Turkey Hill, which land the said Michael Bacon hath resigned up to the use of the town, and hath received eleven acres for it at the west end of his lot.

[Feb. 25, 1651.] Choice of town officers the 25th of February, 1651.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson, James Thompson,
Edward Converse, Samuel Richardson,
John Mousall, Ralph Hill.
John Wright,

CONSTABLE—John Russell.

SURVEYORS—John Knight, Isaac Learned.

COMMISSIONERS TO END SMALL CAUSES—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall.

DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.

SEALER—James Thompson.

[Mar. 8.] Ralph Hill, James Parker and Henry Jeffs are appointed a committee to lay out a highway between Lone [?] Meadow and the upland on the east side, large enough for the town herd to pass.

John Carter, William Green and Richard Gardner are appointed a committee to view two parcels of land that Edward Johnson desires and make return to the selectmen whether the town can spare it, or no, without prejudice to the whole.

[April 12. Order about fences in common fields.] Whereas the general court hath made an order that every township within this jurisdiction shall make a yearly choice of two men or more to view the fences in their own town, compelling the owners timely to mend what they shall find insufficient; and for the fulfilling this law in all common fields, it is ordered by the selectmen of this town that every person who hath land in any common field, shall set the two first letters of his name at each end of the fence which he is to maintain, before the 20th day of this instant month; and it is ordered, that whosoever shall neglect to do as above said, shall pay to the use of the town five shillings: and if they refuse to pay it shall be taken by distress. and this order to continue from year to year.

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[17*]. [An order for marking fences.] John Wright, John Russell, Richard Snow and Josiah Converse are appointed to look to the sufficiency of fences in this town, according to the law, and they are also to look to the fulfilling of the order about marking of fences, and also the order about yokeing and ringing of swine, for the time being.

It was agreed that those persons that have not paid twelve pence an acre for their land, according as the generality of the town have done, shall have a distress taken by the constable upon their lands or goods, if they continue to refuse and that John Parker shall be joined with the constable herein. This is our act, witness our hands:

EDWARD JOHNSON, SAMUEL RICHARDSON,
EDWARD CONVERSE, JAMES THOMPSON.
JOHN MOUSALL,

[Oct. 13.] The town having formerly reserved a way through the land of John Wyman, next his house, to the swamp, do declare that it is at the liberty of any man to pass that way to the swamp so often as need requires.

[A highway to Parley Meadow and Pleasant Field.] John Parker, Isaac Learned, Henry Tottingham, John Wyman and Henry Baldwin are appointed to lay out a highway to Parley Meadow and Pleasant Field next Reading line.

Ralph Hill, John Seers, Henry Baldwin and Joseph Parker are appointed a committee to view a piece of swamp desired by John Wyman, and to make report to the selectmen whether it may be spared.

[Oct. 11.] Ralph Hill, James Thompson, John Carter, Isaac Learned are appointed a committee to view two parcels of land that Henry Brooks desires; they are to make report whether it can be spared.

[Jan. 10.] John Russell, James Parker and Thomas Chamberlain are appointed a committee to lay out four acres of land next his fallow hill [?] for Ralph Hill four, and to divide the residue of the land there into three house plots, or four, as they think meet, leaving a highway two poles wide.

Thomas Chamberlain is granted one small parcel of meadow, being a small hole lying near the hither end of Step Rock Meadow, provided it fall not in any man's propriety.

[A Highway to a swamp at the head of Shred Pine.] Benjamin Butterfield, John Parker, and Edward Winn are chosen a committee to lay out a way for the town's use to a swamp lying at the head of Shred Pine Meadow and to be done with all speed.

Edward Johnson, James Thompson, John Wright, Ensign Carter, Isaac Learned are chosen a committee to lay out a highway for drift of cattle and carting, through Henry Brook's lot or land, near Horn Pond.

Thomas Pierce, Edward Winn, William Chamberlain are appointed a committee to look on the enlargement Allen Converse desires near his house, and look on an enlargement John Parker desires, and make a return whether it will not be prejudicial to the town.

Sergeant James Parker, Michael Bacon, William Clark are appointed a committee to measure William Reed's lot and make return to the selectmen how much it contains, as also to lay out the two parcels of land formerly granted to Edward Johnson near Wood Bridge and Winter Pond.

[Feb. 14, 1652. Robert Pierce's land.] Edward Johnson and Michael Bacon are appointed a committee to lay out four acres to Robert Pierce, and four acres to Joseph Knight at their home lots, and this to be their full proportion for all lands formerly granted them by the town.

[James Thompson and Thomas Pierce to see to this order.] It was ordered by the vote of the whole town, that all fences shall be as sufficient as a good four rail fence, where any corn is planted, and that all swine shall be yoked and rung, according to a former order; provided that after any swine have taken a taste of any corn by breaking into any man's corn, after complaint, such swine shall be kept up for after time.

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[18*]. Choice of officers for the year 1652.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson,	James Thompson,
Edward Converse,	Miles Nutt,
John Mousall,	John Wright,
John Russell.	

CONSTABLE—James Parker.
SEALER—James Thompson.
COMMISSIONERS—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall.
DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.
SURVEYORS—John Wright, William Green.
FOR SWINE AND FENCES—James Thompson, Thomas Pierce.

[Apr. 3, 1652.] Upon complaint of the great change like to be in making a passable highway in that place, which the committee appointed to view it have chosen, through William Clark's lot, and so to Upstreet, in consideration whereof it is ordered that Miles Nutt, John Russell, Michael Bacon and Henry Tottingham shall take notes of the place, and any other place where they think meet appointing they have power to lay the way where they think fit and make return to the selectmen what they have done.

[May 1.] The selectmen with the committee appointed to lay out the way near William Clark's house are appointed to meet at his house, the next fourth day, come fourth night, at noon, for rectifying the lots and highways in those parts.

[Feb. 22.] Choice of officers for the year 1653.

SELECTMEN.

Eward Johnson,	Miles Nutt,
Edward Converse,	John Wright,
John Mousall,	John Russell.
James Thompson,	

FOR CONSTABLE—John Seers.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS.

Simon Thompson,	Robert Pierce,
John Wyman,	Richard Gardner.

SEALER—James Thompson.
DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.
COMMISSIONERS—Edward Converse, Edward Johnson, John Mousall.
COMMISSIONER FOR THE RATE—Ensign Carter.
TO VIEW FENCES—Samuel Richardson, Simon Thompson, Michael Bacon, Thomas Pierce.
COMMISSIONER TO CARRY THE VOTES TO CAMBRIDGE.—James Thompson.

[Mar. 5.] Abraham Parker is granted a small enlargement before his house, according as the committee formerly chosen to view it shall direct.

John Russell, Michael Bacon, Ralph Hill and Allen Converse are appointed a committee to look on a piece of land desired by William Clark, and to lay out a highway from William Simonds to the Rocks.

Edward Johnson, John Mousall, Miles Nutt, John Russell and Allen Converse are appointed to bound the lots in the field next Mount Playnum, where they lie next the swamp.

[May 2, 1653.] It was agreed by the selectmen in answer to Mr. Coggin, about Mr. Coytmore's land, that they apprehend he is not heir to him, and therefore refuse to lay it him out.

Allen Converse is granted a small corner before his house, as Miles Nutt and John Seers have directed him, and no further.

[Nov. 5.] Samuel Richardson, Bartholomew Pearson, Henry Tottingham are appointed a committee to lay out a highway for James Converse and Mary Richardson, to their meadow lying in Buck Meadow.

Edward Johnson, Michael Bacon and Robert Pierce are chosen a committee to view and lay out to George Reed six acres of upland, and swamp or meadow [19*] in a place formerly viewed by Edward Converse and Michael Bacon, the which is to be laid out to him in consideration of an house plot, formerly granted him, which he hath surrendered to the town again.

[Choice of officers. Feb. 25, 1654.] Choice of officers for the year 1654.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson,	Miles Nutt,
Edward Converse,	John Wright,
John Mousall,	James Thompson,
	John Russell.

FOR CONSTABLE—John Wyman.
SEALER—James Thompson.

SURVEYORS.

Miles Nutt,	Josiah Converse,
Thomas Fuller,	William Clark.

FOR FENCES AND SWINE—Allen Converse, Abraham Parker.
DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.
COMMISSIONERS—Edward Converse, Edward Johnson, John Mousall.

The selectmen were chosen at this meeting to dispose of the meadows yet unlaid out to any, according to their best discretion, and for the good of the whole town.

[The last of March, 1654.] Ordered by the whole town present, that the constable for the time being shall call over the persons warned to appear at every town meeting, and to gather up the fines of all such as are found delinquents for non-appearance, according to a former order in the year 1648; only the time of appearing is altered, and to be nine of the clock in the morning.

It is ordered that Richard Snow is to have three quarters of an acre of meadow laid out in the first place in that meadow that is yet to be laid out, called Settle Meadow.

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It is ordered by the selectmen that John Cutler shall have three acres of meadow in the second place, and Henry Baldwin three acres in the third place, and John Wright is granted two acres in the fourth place, and Miles Nutt one acre in the fifth place, and John Carter two acres in the next place, and John Tidd, Jr., is granted two acres in the next place.

[May 27, 1658. (?)] William Clark and Richard Holden is granted that six acres laid by for bulls, equally to be divided between them.

[The grant of Settle Meadow. 1654.] These persons following are each of them [to have] two acres in Settle Meadow, to follow in order, as they are here set down, to begin next after John Tidd. *Imprimis*, William Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Jonathan Thompson, Samuel Blogget, John Mousall, John Brooks, Josiah Converse, Ralph Hill, and Ralph Reed.

[The grant of Great Meadow.] As also these persons following, are granted thirty acres in Great Meadow, namely: William Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Jonathan Thompson, Samuel Blogget, John Mousall, John Brooks, Josiah Converse, Ralph Hill, and Ralph Reed; also William Lock is granted to be with them, it to be equally divided between them; and if they cannot agree, then they are to choose two men to divide it for them, provided they shall not have above thirty acres, and if it fall out to be less, then they shall not look for more.

[William Locke's grant of Poor Meadow.] William Locke is granted one parcel of meadow lying near Cambridge line, called Poor Meadow.

Richard Gardner is granted one piece of meadow adjoining to the meadow he purchased of Allen Converse.

All these grants beginning at William Clark's onward, are to return to the town again from all such persons as shall remove out of the town within the space of five years after the grant.

Edward Johnson, James Thompson and John Wright are appointed a committee to settle the bounds of the land of Francis and John Wyman.

20= [20*]. The swamp at Simple Bridge is granted to Edward Johnson and Richard Gardner, to be divided equally between them, Richard Gardner to have the upper end.

The portion of meadow in this town being but small, and what is allotted to every man is but little, and by experience we find that cattle going thereon in the spring do damnify them very much, and it is difficult to fence them in: It is therefore ordered by the selectmen of this town, that after the publication hereof, all cattle going upon the meadows and found feeding thereon, as well horses as others, shall pay to the owners of the meadows, for every beast taken thereon, sixpence, from the first of March to the fifteenth of May; and if any that keep them shall be so negligent, or bold, as to keep them thereon, such shall pay twelve pence for every such head.

[Dec. 2.] John Wright, Thomas Fuller and John Wyman are appointed a committee to inquire into the complaint of Richard Snow for want of land, and make report to the selectmen how much they apprehend he wants of his proportion.

[Dec. 2.] [Satisfaction for Mr. Robert Long's lot.] Agreed that James Converse shall receive the value of thirty shillings, to be paid by the town in general, for full satisfactions of all demands that Mr. Robert Long of Charlestown may hereafter make, in recompence of his lot, which he hath surrendered up for the town's use forever.

[Dec. 2, 1654.] This day it was agreed before the selectmen, the fencing of these several house plots following, and shall be maintained forever hereafter, as is here expressed. Widow Britton to maintain the first out side fence next the town common. Benjamin Butterfield is to maintain the next dividing fence between his land and Widow Britton's. John Tidd to maintain the next dividing fence between his land and Benjamin Butterfield's. John Wright to maintain the next dividing fence between his land and John Tidd's. John Seers to maintain the next dividing fence between his land and John Wright's. Allen Converse to maintain the next adjoining fence between his land and John Seers.

[Choice of selectmen for 1655.] Choice of selectmen for the year 1655.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson,	Miles Nutt,
Edward Converse,	John Wright,
John Mousall,	John Russell.
James Thompson.	

CONSTABLE—Francis Wyman.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall.

SURVEYORS—Simon Thompson, Robert Pierce, John Wyman, Richard Gardner.

DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE—John Tidd.

FOR FENCES—John Tidd, John Seers, Allen Converse, Robert Pierce

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N. B. Marginal references of the original are in brackets.

[21*]. [Three paragraphs a repetition in the original of matter on page 20, are here omitted.—E. F. J.]

[1656] Choice of selectmen for the year 1656.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson, James Thompson,
Edward Converse, Miles Nutt,
John Mousall, John Wright,
John Russell.

FOR CONESTABLE—Thomas Pierce.

COMMISSIONER OF COUNTRY RATE—John Wyman.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall.

DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.

SEALER—Edward Winn.

FOR FENCES—Richard Gardner, Edward Winn, Richard Post.

At this meeting John Farrar was admitted an inhabitant.

Thomas Fuller is appointed in room of Miles Nutt to lay out a highway from Buck Meadow to Michael Bacon's. Sergeant Thomas Fuller, Edward Winn, and Allen Converse are appointed a committee to lay out a highway from Hart's Hole to New Bridge.

James Thompson, John Wright and John Russell are appointed a committee to treat with Francis and John Wyman about the trees they have felled and the exchange of land they proposed in lieu thereof.

Sergeant Thomas Fuller and Thomas Pierce are appointed a committee to look on a piece of land Moses Cleveland desires to take in with his fence, and make report to the selectmen whether it will be prejudicial to the town or no.

Edward Winn reports in Friendly Field these persons following had their fence unmarked, contrary to a former order: Ralph Hill, Miles Nutt, John Wyman, Francis Wyman and Michael Lepingwell.

Witness:

JOHN WRIGHT, JOHN SEERS,
JAMES THOMPSON, EDWARD WINN.

[Mar. 7.] Moses Cleveland is granted to run his fence as Thomas Fuller and Thomas Pierce have appointed, it being not prejudicial to the town.

[22*]. [1657.] Choice of selectmen for the year 1657.

SELECTMEN.

Edward Johnson, John Wright,
Edward Converse, James Thompson,
John Mousall.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Converse, Edward Johnson, John Mousall.

FOR CONSTABLE—[Name not given.—E. F. J.]

[Apr. 4.] It was agreed by the selectmen that Francis and John Wyman shall pay to the use of the town two shillings sixpence for every tree they have transported out of the town from the Common, with out leave; this was agreed, and satisfied by Francis and John Wyman in their exchange with the town.

Edward Johnson, John Wright,
Edward Converse, James Thompson,
John Mousall, Thomas Pierce,

[May 5.] John Wright, John Russell, Thomas Pierce and Thomas Fuller are appointed a committee by the selectmen to consider of the land that Francis Wyman and John Wyman desire to inclose for their own, in case they exchange Forest Field land with the town and to make report to the selectmen to direct them in exchange thereof.

[Sept. 12. Wyman's exchange of land with town.] It was agreed by the selectmen that John Wyman and Francis Wyman shall have in exchange of their land lying at Forest Field, being by estimation four score and fourteen acres, all the land within their inclosure at their home lots, and four acres at or near the land purchased of John Dunham; as also as many acres adjoining to their land at Billerica as the surrendered up at Forest Field, to be laid out so far as the said land runs, or half way, if they desire it, and what it falls short of timber answerable to the land exchanged, shall be made up from the town Common, according to the judgment of two men, one chosen by them, and the other by the town.

[Dec. 5.] It was agreed by the selectmen that the committee appointed to give out swamps shall meet to do the work they are appointed unto, on the 21st of December, at the house of John Seers, by eight of the clock in the morning; and those that had the grant of part of the Great Meadow, to be divided amongst them, with the committee appointed for that work, to meet at the same time.

[Committee for laying out the swamps. Meeting Dec. 23, 1657.] Agreed that Edward Converse and Henry Tuttingham are granted a small parcel of swamp lying at Buck Meadow adjoining to their land, to be divided equally between them.

Edward Winn is granted two acres of swamp adjoining to his meadow, at a place commonly called Snake Hole.

John Brooks is granted a small piece of swamp near his home lot, as it is butted and bounded by some of the committee at present.

[23*]. John Wyman and John Seers are appointed a committee to lay out a highway between them and this town.

Samuel Richardaon and Michael Bacon are appointed to run the line between Charlestown and us.

[Robert Pierce's grant of meadow.] Robert Pierce and Joseph Knight are contented to take seven acres of meadow apiece; that is, fourteen acres in the whole, taking it in such a place as they shall choose, so they take it together; and what remains of that parcel more than fourteen acres is at the town's dispose.

[Grants of swamp.] Thomas Fuller, Francis Wyman and Philip Knight are granted the remainder of that swamp which lieth next a lot lately belonging to John Dunham, after Francis Wyman hath had so much as makes up four acres granted him in exchange of Forest Field, to be equally divided between them, Francis Wyman to lay next his own land; and further Thomas Fuller is granted the contents of four pole square, being swamp next his shop.

Jonathan Thompson is granted three acres of swamp adjoining to his land at Dry Pool Swamp.

[John Russell.] John Russell is granted a small parcel of swamp adjoining to his own land at or on the other side of Maple Meadow River.

[Allen Converse.] Allen Converse is granted two acres of swamp on the other side Maple Meadow River adjoining to his own land.

[Richard Snow.] Richard Snow is granted two acres of swamp on the other side of Maple Meadow River adjoining to his own land.

[Daniel Bacon.] Daniel Bacon is granted two acres adjoining to his land in the same place.

[John Seers.] John Seers is granted two acres of swamp against his land at Mount Playnum.

[Francis Kendall.] Francis Kendall and John Farrar is granted, either of them, two acres at the same place or swamp where John Seers hath his.

[William Simonds.] William Simonds and Richard Holden are granted, either of them, three acres of swamp at Rock Meadow.

[William Clark.] William Clark is granted three acres of swamp near his lot at Bull Meadow.

[Michael Bacon.] Michael Bacon is granted three acres of swamp at Bull Meadow.

[George Reed.] George Reed is granted three acres of swamp next his lot at Rock Meadow.

[Henry Baldwin.] Henry Baldwin is granted three acres, the breadth of his lot, and not to come within four pole of the Wyman's ditch.

[Cutler.] John Cutler is granted the breadth of his lot, and not to come within four pole of the ditch.

[Michael Lepingwell.] Michael Lepingwell is granted three acres, to lie against the one half of Richard Post's lot.

[Richard Post.] Richard Post is granted three acres and a half, against the other half of his own lot.

[John Russell.] John Russell is granted three acres in the same swamp against his lot.

[John Wright and Thomas Pierce.] John Wright and Thomas Pierce are to have the rest divided between them, five acres apiece.

[John Wyman.] John Wyman to have the swamp next his ditch and the piece above John Cutler.

[Joseph Carter.] Joseph Carter is granted a parcel of swamp adjoining to his house plot, containing about two or three acres.

[All these are granted swamp.] Thomas Pierce, John Wright, John Russell are appointed a committee to lay out the land exchange with Francis and John Wyman with the town, and Edward Johnson is chosen by them to judge about the trees, and John Wright is chosen to join with him on the town's behalf.

John Mousall, James Thompson and Thomas Pierce are appointed a committee to look on the land of Bartholomew Pearson lately taken in, and to consider the ancient bound marks, and to make report to the town, that the bounds may be settled between the town and him.

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24. [24*]. [Feb. —. Illegible marginal reference.] Edward Johnson upon the consideration and desire of the good of the town, hath and hereby doth surrender up all his grant of felling timber for transportation from the town Common, from this day forward.

EDWARD JOHNSON.

John Wright, John Russell, and Henry Baldwin are appointed a committee to lay out to Joseph Carter so much of the Island and swamp, as will amount to twelve acres, which he is to have in exchange for so much land at Forest Field.

Richard Snow is granted the residue of the Island above mentioned, in consideration of a highway in Boggy Meadow Field, and the surrender of the land through which it goeth to the town; and Joseph Carter hath granted him a highway through his land, provided he hurt not his corn, and that he join with him to make the way through the swamp.

[Feb. 3, (?) 1658.] Choice of officers for the year 1658.

SELECTMEN—Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall, John Wright, James Thompson.

SURVEYORS—Edward Converse, John Mousall, Richard Post, William Locke.

FOR CONSTABLE—Henry Tottingham.

COMMISSIONER—John Carter.

SEALER—Edward Winn.

DEPUTY FOR THE GENERAL COURT—Edward Johnson.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Converse, Edward Johnson, John Mousall.

FOR HIGHWAYS AND FENCES AND SWINE—Michael Bacon, Henry Baldwin, Richard Snow, William Clarke.

[Apr. 3, 1658.] Accounted with Thomas Pierce, late constable, and he remains in the town's debt fourteen shillings and twopence.

[July —, 1658.] Agreed that the next meeting shall be the 28th of August, for making the country rate.

[Feb. —.] The inhabitants meet for choice of officers for the year 1659.

SELECTMEN—Michael Bacon, Edward Converse, John Mousall, Francis Kendall.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Converse, Edward Johnson, John Mousall.

CONSTABLE—John Brooks.

FOR SEALER—Edward Winn.

SURVEYORS—Thomas Pierce, Ensign John Carter, Allen Converse, William Johnson.

FOR FENCES AND SWINE—Philip Knight, Theophilus Richardson, Moses Cleveland, Matthew Johnson.

FOR COMMISSIONER—William Johnson.

FOR DEPUTY FOR THE GENERAL COURT—Edward Johnson.

[Apr. —.] Robert Pierce was granted two acres of land adjoining to his house plot, at the east side; it was granted by the whole town on the last training day, in the year 1658.

It was also ordered that Capt. Edward Johnson, John Wyman and Richard Holden are appointed a committee to lay out seven acres of meadow to Robert Pierce, and seven acres to Joseph Knight.

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[June —.] Edward Johnson, Sergeant James Converse and John Wyman are appointed a committee to meet with Rillerica men, the sixteenth of this instant month, and to run out the line next Shawshin River, between Billerica and this town.

25. [25*]. [Nov. 5, 1658.] Francis Kendall, John Russell, and Thomas Fuller are appointed a committee to measure the land and fence in New Bridge Field, and to proportion to every proprietor his proportion of fence, and make return to the selectmen.

[Dec. 3.] The selectmen met and confirmed the highway leading through the plain to Edward Converse's mill, where Mr. Edward Jackson and Richard Jackson, both of Cambridge, being chosen a committee, laid it.

[Jan. 7.] Before the committee made their return, George Polly did promise before the selectmen that he would fence and maintain sufficiently, at his own cost and charge, the Island adjoining to New Bridge Field, that was some time in the possession of Henry Jeffs, and did promise to secure the field from any damage that may come thereby.

Francis Kendall, Thomas Fuller and John Russell made their return to the selectmen in reference to New Bridge Field fence: We did agree with one consent that every proprietor is to fence after six pole upon an acre. Thomas Pierce one hundred and two pole, George Polly sixty pole, Samuel Blogget fifty-four pole, Moses Cleveland twelve pole, John Mousall eighteen pole, John Tidd twelve pole, John Wyman seven pole.

[Feb. 28, 1660.] The inhabitants meet for choice of officers for the year 1660.

SELECTMEN—Edward Converse, John Mousall, John Wright, James Thompson, Thomas Pierce.

SURVEYORS—John Wright, Richard Snow, James Converse, Joseph Knight.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE—James Converse.

FOR SEALER—Edward Winn.

DEPUTY—Edward Converse.

COMMISSIONERS—Edward Converse, Capt. Edward Johnson, John Mousall.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES—Henry Summers, John Sears, Robert Eames, George Reed.

TO CARRY THE VOTES TO CAMBRIDGE—Edward Converse.

Allen Converse, Thomas Pierce, Moses Cleveland, chosen a committee to take notes of a small parcel of land Thomas Fuller would exchange with the town, and make their return.

[Apr. 30, 1660.] [The north and by west line between Reading and Woburn.] Henry Tottingham, Thomas Pierce, Allen Converse, John Mousall, John Wright appointed a committee to settle the north and by west line betwixt Reading lands and the lands of this town of Woburn. This committee meeting according to their own demand, we agreed to run five miles from the

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corner bounds at Parley Meadow, according to the order of Mr. George Cooke and Mr. John Oliver, to run the north and by west point.

Accordingly the committees of both towns run the five miles, want fifty poles, which fifty poles, was afterward run out by Capt. Edward Johnson, Thomas Pierce, Thomas Fuller, John Wright and Francis Kendall, and so completed the five miles.

[Feb. 2, 1661.] A Highway through Plain Field.] It was agreed by the selectmen of this town, that a public highway from the mill to Upstreet, shall

lie henceforth from the mill to Edward Converse's draw bars, and from thence to lie twenty-four feet wide upon Edward Converse's land, adjoining to Mr. Symmes' land, and then upon Sergeant James Converse's land till it come to Ensign John Carter's land, and then to lie on his land till it come to the southwest corner of Ensign John Carter's land; it is also ordered and agreed, that in time of snow and ice that any person or persons shall have free egress or regress to pass through any man's land, with cart, horse or foot, to their best advantage, and the aforesaid Edward Converse, Sergeant James Converse, and Ensign John Carter have surrendered up this land for a public highway without requiring satisfaction of the town.

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[26*]. [Feb. 26, 1661.] The inhabitants met for the choice of officers for the year 1661.

SELECTMEN.—Capt. Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall, John Wright, James Thompson, Thomas Pierce.

SURVEYORS.—Capt. Edward Johnson, John Seers, Philip Knight, Michael Bacon.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES.—Isaac Cole, Henry Baldwin, William Locke, Theophilus Richardson.

CONSTABLE.—Francis Kendall.

DEPUTY.—Capt. Edward Johnson.

SEALER.—Edward Winn.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE.—Capt. Johnson.

[John Baker's and Joseph Wright's grant.] John Baker and Joseph Wright, by a general consent of the inhabitants met, are granted a parcel of Swampy Meadow lying beyond New Meadows, if it exceed not six acres, and they continue in the town five years.

John Wilson is granted four acres of meadow lying in the nether end of Little Meadow, next Cedar Swamp, if he continue in the town five years.

Philip Knight and John Farrar are granted a parcel of meadow lying in the lower end of Maple Meadow, next Reading line, if it exceed not six acres, if they continue in the town five years.

Francis Wyman is granted an exchange of a parcel of land lying in the treasury, with the town, and he is to have as much laid out to his content, laid out at his farm next Billerica.

[Mar. 2, 1661.] Isaac Cole, Allen Converse chosen a committee to take notes of a piece of swamp Michael Knight desireth, and to make return to the town.

John Russell, Thomas Pierce and Sergeant Thomas Fuller chosen a committee to lay out to Philip Knight and John Farrar, Joseph Wright and John Baker, their grant of swamp, not to exceed three acres a man, as also to lay out to Allen Converse, Richard Snow, and Daniel Bacon their grant of two acres, apiece, at Maple Meadow.

[Apr. 6, 1661.] John Russell, Thomas Pierce and Sergeant Thomas Fuller are appointed a committee to lay out a way for the use of the town over Maple Meadow River, through Allen Converse's land, to the town Common on the other side.

John Mousall, Sr., and Thomas Pierce appointed a committee to meet with some from Mrs. Grayes, to perfect the line between her land and the town Common.

[June 3, 1661.] John Seers, Thomas Pierce and John Wyman appointed a committee to meet with Billerica committee, to lay out a public highway from Dirty Swamp to the meeting house, to do it on the 29th of this June.

John Wilson was granted a parcel of swamp against his own land, to the value of three acres, being bounded by Richard Snow east and John Farrar west, running to the middle of the swamp.

[May 20, 1661.] Michael Knight was granted an a training-day, two acres and half of swamp, lying at a place called Dirty Swamp, on the southwest of the New Bridge at the new way.

[Aug. 5, 1661.] It is agreed by the selectmen of this town, that the day appointed to make the country rate shall be upon the 27th day of August, being the last day of the month [?].

It is agreed that the monthly meeting, of the selectmen, for time to come, shall be upon the last second day of every month.

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[27*]. [Sept. 30, 1661.] John Russell, Francis Kendall and William Clarke are chosen a committee to consider of the exchange of the way laid out for the town use, betwixt the Reverend Pastor Thomas Carter's land and William Clarke's land, which highway, for time to come, is to lay between John Knight's land and Mr. Thomas Carter's land; in consideration of which this committee is to lay out to Mr. Carter, what land they judge meet, so that no damage come to a highway that goeth between the hill and the said land, as also a parcel of meadow, lying between Cambridge line and the Great Meadow, which meadow Capt. Edward Johnson and Mr. Thomas Carter had liberty to cut till the town disposed of it.

[John Wright's contradissent to the grant of meadow.] Showeth that it would have been for the good of the town, to have reserved this parcel of meadow for a succeeding officer and so to have continued from one to another, forever, whether pastor or ruling elder.

[Feb. 25, 1662.] The inhabitants met for choice of officers for the year 1662.

SELECTMEN.—Edward Converse, John Mousall, John Wright, James Thompson, Thomas Pierce.

FOR CONSTABLE.—Isaac Cole.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE RATE.—Josiah Converse.

DEPUTY FOR THE COURT.—Capt. Edward Johnson.

SURVEYORS.—Samuel Walker, Joseph Carter, Josiah Converse, Michael Bacon.

FOR FENCES AND SWINE.—Sergeant Fuller, Abraham Jaquith, Will. Clarke, John Richardson.

[April 1, 1662.] By virtue of a general court order upon warrant from the treasurer, it is ordered by the selectmen that the constable is to gather of the inhabitants ratable, the one half of a single rate, being eleven pound, fifteen shillings, seven pence.

[Feb. 24, 1663.] The inhabitants met for choice of officers for the year 1663.

[Chosen for 1663.] SELECTMEN.—Edward Converse, Thomas Fuller, John Mousall, Francis Kendall, John Wright.

FOR DEPUTY.—Capt. Edward Johnson.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE.—Capt. Edward Johnson.

SURVEYORS.—Henry Brooks, Thomas Pierce, John Russell, Jr., George Reed.

FOR CONSTABLE.—Richard Gardner.

FOR FENCES AND SWINE.—Samuel Walker, John Mousall, Jr., Michael Bacon, Samuel Blogget.

SEALER.—Edward Winn.

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[June 1.] It is ordered by the selectmen that if any person shall ring out the bell, except it be by order to call the town together for public service, or upon some accident of fire, every person offending here in shall pay to the use of the town five shillings for every offence.

[Dec. 7.] Thomas Pierce was chosen a committee to lay out a parcel of land to Francis Wyman, adjoining to his land at Billerica, for a parcel of land he resigned to the town, lying in the treasury, the which was laid out in a place where Francis Wyman directed to his own content, and this is the return.

[Exchange of land with Francis Wyman.] This exchange was made between Francis Wyman and the town at a public meeting, the 26th of February, 1661.

Upon complaint of George Reed of suffering wrong by Samuel Walker, in a highway through his land, Capt. Edward Johnson, John Russell, Francis Kendall, chosen a committee to settle the difference between them about the way.

John Johnson is granted by the committee chosen to lay out the swamps, in reference to his house, that was Richard Holden's, he is granted three acres of swamp upon a little spring near Brook Meadow.

[28*]. [Meadow and upland reserved for church officers.] It is ordered by the selectmen that all the common meadows at Maple Meadow, on both sides the river, shall be forever kept in the town's hands for succeeding church officers, and also one parcel of meadow in Loose Meadow which is about two acres, and also one parcel of meadow upon Mr. Bunker's lot, about an acre and one half, also the parcel of plough-land upon the same lot, and the house plot at the west end of the said lot, about three acres, which land joins to John Tidd east and Mr. Thomas Carter west; these parcels of meadow and land are to remain for succeeding officers.

[Feb. 23, 1664.] [Chosen for 1664.] The inhabitants meet for choice of officers for the year 1664.

SELECTMEN—John Mousall, Lieut. John Carter, Ensign William Johnson, Thomas Fuller, Josiah Converse, James Converse, John Wright.

COMMISSIONERS—Capt. Edward Johnson, John Mousall, Lieut. John Carter.

COMMISSIONER—Thomas Pierce.

FOR HIGHWAYS AND SWINE—Henry Baldwin, Moses Cleveland, John Johnson, Samuel Converse.

CONSTABLE—Josiah Converse.

SURVEYORS—Henry Summers, Michael Bacon, Richard Snow, Samuel Blogget.

SEALER—Edward Winn.

John Johnson is granted a parcel of swamp lying near Brook Meadow, if it exceed not above four or five acres.

[Feb. 7.] Richard Gardner for preventing unnecessary charge and stroy of fencing, in taking in Round Meadow, is granted to set his fence upon the upland for his best advantage, the upland enclosed to remain to the town.

[Andover line.] Lieutenant John Carter, Ensign William Johnson, John Wright, Sergeant Thomas Fuller and Francis Kendall were chosen a committee to meet Andover men, to run the bounds between Andover and this town, upon the second fourth day of the week in April; the committee above named have performed the service, according to order and time.

[Order about commonage and penalty.] It is ordered and agreed that every person that shall feed cattle upon this Town's Common, that is not privileged by the consent of the town, shall pay two shillings to the use of the town for every time they, or he, is taken offending in this order, from this day forward.

[April 4.] Lieutenant John Carter and Ensign William Johnson are appointed a committee to prefer our petition for Mr. Rock's land, and four thousand acres, to the general court, and every selectman to lay down eighteen pence onward of the entrance.

[June 6, 1664.] The committee chosen by the town to make the land the town exchanged with Francis and John Wyman, for their land at Forest Field, according to agreement, they made it good to their content, both in land and timber; this is a true return of the committee, witness our hands:—JOHN WRIGHT, JOHN RUSSELL, THOMAS PIERCE.

[A petition to the general court for our two thousand acres.] A petition was agreed on by the selectmen to send to the general court for four thousand acres, and to remove Mr. Rock's grant of five hundred acres to Will's Hill, which was to be preferred to the court, by Lieutenant John Carter and Ensign Johnson next May, 1664.

[29*]. [1664.] To the honored general court, governor, deputy governor and the rest of our honored magistrates and deputies assembled at a general court, this May, 1664, humbly sheweth,—

That whereas this honored court did about twenty four years since, upon the grant of this town of Woburn, grant also to Mr. Thomas Coytmore five hundred acres of land within the bounds of Woburn, which hath not been laid out to this very day; now so it is that our town, being of so small an extent, as no town grant in the country, as we know of, is, and by reason of our mean accommodation, the most deserving amongst us have not had above fifty or sixty acres; in consideration hereof, we, whose names are subscribed, do in the name of the town of Woburn, humbly beseech this honored court to grant this five hundred acres for the accommodation of Mr. Coytmore's heirs; to Mr. Joseph Rock, two hundred and fifty thereof on the east of Reading last grant, adjoining to Mr. Bellingham's farm at Will's Hill, and upon Salem bounds: and the other two hundred and fifty where Mr. Rock shall find it in this wilderness, according to law; and where as our neighbor towns of Billerica and Reading have had addition long since granted them by this court. We humbly beseech that four thousand acres may be granted us where we can find it in this wilderness, according to law, which reasonable request we hope this honored court will be pleased to grant us, who are ever bound to pray for your prosperity.

JOHN MOUSALL,
JOHN WRIGHT,
JAMES CONVERSE,
JOHN CARTER,

WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOSIAH CONVERSE,
THOMAS FULLER.

[June 6, 1664. Richard Gardner's grant of one half acre.] Richard Gardner was granted a small parcel of land, about half an acre, near his own land at Winter Pond, and laid out by William and Matthew Johnson.

[Oct. 10. Michael Bacon, Francis Kendall and Robert Pierce chosen a committee to lay out a parcel of land to George Reed, lying on the south east end of Pine Plain, leading to Great Meadow, to the value of eight acres, which was accordingly done, not giving him allowance for the highway.

[Nov. 14.] At a public town meeting of the inhabitants, it was agreed by a major vote of those present, that there should be a distribution of plough land and swamps, and a particular division of the remote timber.

It is further agreed by the major vote of freemen and inhabitants, that seven men should be chosen to effect this work, their names are as follows:

Capt. Edward Johnson, Deacon John Mousall, Deacon John Wright, Deacon John Russell, Lieutenant John Carter, Ensign William Johnson, Francis Kendall.

These men were chosen a committee to make distribution of plough land and swamps, and a particular division the remote timber, according to justice and equity.

[John Wright's contra dissent to the order above said, sheweth:] The dissent of John Wright from the grants above written upon these grounds:—

First,—because I see no ground to take away any man's interest from him or his children, to give it to another man or his children.

Secondly,—because [*30] others that are orderly interested, have not the like given them or their children.

Thirdly,—because it is not said how much their privilege shall be.

Fourthly,—because there is no order taken for the preventing the great damage the centre of the town is like to suffer, both in our corn and in our herding, also in our meadows, by our cattle going at liberty.

[The return of the grant of two thousand acres of land.] The return of the general court in answer to our petition:

At a general court, held at Boston, the 19th of October, 1664, in answer to the petition of the selectmen of Woburn, the court judgeth it meet to grant them two thousand acres of land, according as is expressed in their petition which is on file; this is a true copy of the court record, taken out of the court book of records as attests. EDWARD HAWSON, Secretary.

Mar. 7, 1664. [An order about irregular speaking.] It is ordered and agreed by the selectmen of this town, that all inhabitants shall have liberty at any general town meeting, to declare, either by word or writing, any grievance that may be upon their spirits, provided it be done orderly and by leave of him that is to order speech and silence; and that whosoever shall disorderly speak, or go on to take up the time unnecessarily, they shall pay to the use of the town five shillings for every such offence.

[Francis Wyman's debt.] Francis Wyman is indebted to the town twelve shillings in silver, given by an arbitration.

[Mr. George Bunker's deed.] A record of the deed and sale of Mr. George Bunker's lot.

To all people to whom this writing shall come, greeting—know ye, that I, George Bunker, gentleman, of the town of Charlestown, in New England, for a full and valuable consideration to me in hand already, it being well and truly paid, have bargained and sold, and do by this present writing further give, grant, bargain and sell unto John Mousall and James Thompson, for the use of the town of Woburn, one parcel of land allotted me by Charlestown, lying, or being, at present in the bounds of the bounds of the said town of Woburn, containing two hundred thirty and eight acres, more or less, to have and to hold the said parcel of land, together with all the timber or timber-like, trees, woods or underwoods lying or growing upon the same, to the inhabitants of the said town of Woburn; as their proper right with warranties, from all former gifts, grants, bargains, sales, mortgages, jointures, doweries, or any incumbrances whatsoever, and from the widow right of my now married wife, in witness hereof, I have set my hand and seal. GEORGE BUNKER.

Witness the tenth of December, 1663. Acknowledged by Mr. Increase Nowell.

[Feb. 20.] The selectmen met and laid out a highway through Thomas Pierce's land a pole and half broad, over the ridge at Horn Pond, and so by his house to a great white oak, which is the bound mark of William Frothingham's land into the town Common.

[Choice of selectmen, Feb. 28.] Choice of selectmen for the year 1665.

Michael Bacon, Francis Kendall, Thomas Pierce, Bartholomew Pearson, Robert Pierce.

SURVEYORS.—Michael Bacon, Michael Lepingwell, John Brooks, John Johnson.

FOR FENCES AND SWINE.—John Seers, Ralph Reed, George Polly, John Russell.

CONSTABLE.—Henry Baldwin.

SEALER.—Edward Winn.

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George Brush admitted an inhabitant.

[31*]. [Feb. 28.] This doth certify, whom it may concern, that I being desired by the inhabitants of Woburn to measure the bounds of their grant of four miles square, as it is at present stated, I cannot affirm they have any more land in quantity than the circuit of four miles square, not accounting in it the three thousand acres on the north side of Reading. Dated the 14th of Dec. 1665. JOHN SHERMAN.

[A public meeting on the 8th of April, 1665.] There was a committee chosen to settle the bounds of the town on every side, *videlicet*: with Andover, Reading and Billerica, whose names are as followeth:

[A committee for settling the town's bounds.] Lieut. John Carter, Ensign William Johnson, Josiah Converse.

Your instructions are these: you are to do your best endeavor, according as here you are empowered, to settle the bounds of this town of Woburn with Andover, Reading and Billerica, according to your best discretion.

The selectmen have subscribed their names to certify the power of the Committee above mentioned.

Michael Bacon,	Bartholomew Pearson,
Francis Kendall,	Robert Pierce.
Thomas Pierce,	

A record of land formerly granted to Thomas Whittemore, containing forty poles, which grant was formerly given to Edward Iron, but now possessed by Thomas Whittemore, bounded on the east by the highway, to Isaac Cole north, and the training place elsewhere.

[Feb. 12.] [Jan. 4, 1666]. It is ordered by the inhabitants that the selectmen shall have no power henceforth to dispose of any of the town's lands

or timber, or to stent the herbage, without the consent of the major part of the proprietors, notwithstanding any former custom.

Thomas Pierce, John Snow, John Pierce are chosen a committee to lay out four acres of land to Henry Baldwin, that he wants of his proportion, formerly granted him by the town, in some convenient place where it may not be prejudicial to the town.

At a public town meeting Mr. Samnel Carter was admitted an inhabitant. John Cragin at the same meeting was granted fifteen acres of land adjoining to Joseph Knight's land at the west end, and the said land he is not at liberty to sell, but to remain for the good of his children.

[Choice of selectmen. Feb. 27, 1666.] Choice of officers for the year 1666.

[SELECTMEN]—Michael Bacon, Thomas Pierce, Francis Kendall, Bartholomew Pearson, John Wyman,

FOR CONSTABLE.—John Seers.
SEALER.—Edward Winn.

SURVEYORS.—Thomas Pierce, Allen Converse, Matthew Johnson, Samuel Converse.

FOR COMMISSIONER TO JOIN WITH THE SELECTMEN.—Allen Converse.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES.—John Wilson, John Brooks, William Shuonds, John Richardson.

[The right proprietors of the common lands of Woburn.] At a general meeting, it was voted who were the right proprietors of the common lands of the town of Woburn, namely those which have their names expressed in the dividing the herbage.

At the same meeting George Brush, John Cragin and Increase Winn were admitted inhabitants and propriety of commonage.

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32 [32*]. [A general town meeting held the 27th of Feb., 1667.] The inhabitants of the town of Woburn passed a vote for the division of all the lands and timber that belongs in common to the said town to the inhabitants expressed by name, as privileged by the vote of the town in the division of herbage, and the three persons expressed in the foregoing order, and no other.

At the same meeting there was a committee chosen to consider of a way of division that may be propounded to the inhabitants of the town, upon the 28th of March next, after lecture.

For their approbation and concurrence the persons chosen are as follows; Lieut. John Carter, Sergt. James Converse and John Wyman.

[Mar. 31, 1666.] The selectmen met upon complaint of several of the inhabitants, of suffering wrong for want of an order for herding of their cattle.

[An order for herding of cattle.] It is therefore ordered that all the cattle within the centre of the town, our meaning is, beginning at John Burbeen's, taking in John Brooks and John Mousall, and along the street taking in Moses Cleveland and John Farrar, all within that circumference shall go with the town herd and pay full herbage, except working oxen.

We the committee of the general court, whose names are under written, do advise and order that the selectmen of Woburn do take care that this order about the herding of cattle be duly executed, and if any person within the limits expressed in the order shall refuse to pay his proportion to the herd, then the selectmen do cause the same to be levied by distress; and we do further order that after the commons are stated by the committee, according to former direction, that then the common herbage be proportioned to the several quarters of the town in the most just and equal way, and care may be also taken that the cattle belonging to one quarter may not be kept upon another quarter to the prejudice of either, and that the common meadows be as much as may be preserved from damage in the time of growth.

DANIEL GOOKIN.
THOMAS DANFORTH.

Apr. 6, 1666.

[Jan. 28, 1667.] [Feb. 24, 1667.] At a general meeting of the inhabitants it was voted the way that the land should be divided that yet lyeth in common, *videlicet*: by persons and estates, servants left out, the head of the family at twenty pound estate, wives and children at five pound's estate.

[Feb. 26, CHOICE OF SELECTMEN.]
Choice of officers for the year 1667.

Edward Johnson, James Thompson, John Sears, John Wyman, Francis Kendall.
FOR CONSTABLE—Samuel Walker.
FOR COMMISSIONER FOR THE RATE—James Converse.
SURVEYORS—John Russell, Isaac Cole, John Richardson, John Johnson.
TO LOOK TO SWINE AND FENCES—Samuel Walker, Jonathan Thompson, Samuel Converse.
SEALER—Edward Winn.
FOR DEPUTY—Edward Johnson.

[Mar. 28.] At a general town meeting there was a vote passed by the major part present that all the land that lyeth in common, both land and timber, shall be divided for propriety to the right proprietors.

At this general meeting, the 8th of Mar., 1666, there was granted to Capt. John Carter, Ensign James Converse, and the heirs of William Green, deceased, each of them, fifteen acres apiece, in lieu of a former grant.

Capt. Edward Johnson is granted his proportion in all divisions after one hundred acres; and James Thompson is granted his proportion to be sixty, Edward Converse's house, Ezekiel Richardson's house, Samuel Richardson's house, and John Mousall's house, all of them, are granted one hundred and sixty, to be divided among them.

At the same meeting, the inhabitants chose a committee to lay out the Common to propriety, according to the true intent and meaning of the order bearing date Mar. 28th, 1667, as also another order bearing date Jan. 28th, 1667. This committee is to take a list of the persons and estates of the right proprietors [33*] and the town do fully empower this committee to carry it on to exact with butts and bounds as speedily as may be, according to their best discretion; the committee are

as followeth, Francis Kendall, John Wyman, Thomas Pierce, John Brooks, and Samuel Walker, Sr.

[Court order about John Cutler.] At a county court held at Cambridge, the 3rd Apr., 1666, for as much as it is apparent to this court that John Cutler of Woburn is in such wise sottishly distracted, and is thereby disenabled to regulate and dispose of his person and estate for his own good, the selectmen of Woburn are appointed and empowered to dispose of him and his estate as may be for the good of him and his children, and for payment of that engagement he made to his late wife, the relic of John Lewes. This is a true copy.

THOMAS DANFORTH, recorder.

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[A general meeting of the inhabitants Dec. 9, 1667.] It was agreed by the major part of proprietors that six acres of land should be allowed for a Cow Common; this was voted by the inhabitants, and the major part of proprietors carried it, as aforesaid.

Choice of officers for the year 1668:

[Jan. 25, 1668. CHOICE OF SELECTMEN.] John Mousall, Michael Bacon, Francis Kendall, John Wyman, Samuel Walker.

SURVEYORS—Edward Winn, Allen Converse, Will. Simonds, John Richardson.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES—John Seers, John Tidd, Josiah Converse, Ralph Reed.

COMMISSIONER—John Carter.

SEALER—John Russell.

DEPUTY FOR THE COURT—Edward Johnson.

SEALER—Edward Winn.

[Mar. 30.] It is agreed and ordered by the selectmen that the three grants of land by the town to Lieutenant John Carter, Sergeant James Converse, and the assigns of William Green, deceased, being forty and five acres in the whole, shall be added ten acres for each man to the division of upland and swamp, that is forthwith to be divided to the particular persons they shall assign it to, and to be laid according as their lots shall fall; and the other five acres for each man shall be added in the division of timber and herbage.

And it is agreed and ordered, as above said, that the several grants of land to James Thompson, Edward Johnson, Edward Converse's house, Ezekiel Richardson's house, Samuel Richardson's house, and John Mousall's house, shall be added to their son's and sons-in-law proportion, and division to be made as to other men, of such as are dead, excepting James Thompson and Edward Johnson, whose is added to their own proportion.

[Jan. 22, 1669.] It was agreed that Lieutenant John Carter and Josiah Converse shall lay out one acre of land, formerly granted to William Johnson by the town; in general to lay it in the place propounded by him upon his request, the 22nd of Feb., 1668.

[Feb. 2.] John Wyman, Francis Kendall, Samuel Blogget are appointed a committee to lay out to Ralph Reed, William Simonds and the successors that have purchased Richard Holden's right, the several proportions of swamp according to the town grant, as it is recorded in the town book, at Rock Meadow, as also to William Clarke and Michael Bacon the like at Bull Meadow.

[Feb. 22. A general meeting of the inhabitants.] Choice of officers for the year 1669.

[SELECTMEN]—Edward Johnson, James Thompson, Henry Brooks, Edward Winn, John Seers.

FOR CONSTABLE.—Allen Converse.

FOR COMMISSIONER.—Will Johnson.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—John Russell.

SURVEYORS.—Josiah Converse, William Clarke, Thomas Pierce, John Burbeen.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES.—Isaac Cole, Moses Cleveland, Gershom Flagg.

FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—Edward Winn.

FOR DEPUTY.—Edward Johnson.

[34*]. Joseph Carter had a small piece of land to set his barn on, given him by all the persons present, each man for himself his right in the same.

[A general meeting of the inhabitants the 8th of March, 1669.] Samuel Walker, Senior, is granted half an acre to set his barn on, by way of exchange, and William Clarke, Francis Kendall, and Michael Bacon are appointed a committee to see to the performance of it, as also to view the complaint of encroachment upon the town Common by the said Samuel Walker, and to make return to the selectmen what is done and what they have done herein. At the same town meeting, the town by their express vote declare that the one half of the charge expended by the town about the new laying out the five hundred acres of land, purchased by John and Francis Wyman of Mr. Rock, shall be paid by the said John and Francis Wyman for the use of the town, according to their promise.

[Apr. 5. Order for cutting Common meadows.] The selectmen met and made an order that if any person shall cut any common meadows without contracting with the selectmen, every such person shall pay to the use of the town ten shillings an acre, and so for greater and lesser quantity.

[Aug. 2.] Complaint being made to the selectmen for neglect of laying out certain parcels of land, being swamp, it is ordered that Josiah Converse, William Locke and Samuel Blogget are appointed a committee to lay out to Ralph Reed, William Simonds, and the successors of Richard Holden, their several proportions, according to grant.

At the same time, Lieut. John Carter and William Johnson are chosen and appointed by the selectmen to lay out a highway through the Pine Plain, at the upper end of the Great Meadow, for the use of the town; as also to perfect the bounds of the lots lying on the same plain, according to their grant, and make return to the selectmen.

[Dec. 8, 1669.] Edward Winn, Sergeant Thomas Pierce and Henry Baldwin are appointed a committee to lay out three acres of land at Dry Pole Swamp, according to a former grant to Jonathan Thompson.

[Feb. 7.] John Russell, Thomas Pierce, Senior, and Edward Winn are appointed a committee to view Joseph Carter's meadow at Maple Meadow River, and new mark his bounds, that the town may know her own.

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Whereas Lieutenant John Carter and Josiah Converse were appointed a committee to lay out to William Johnson one acre of land, according to a former grant, they performed the same accordingly.

Also Josiah Converse, Samuel Blogget, and William Locke, being appointed a committee to lay out three parcels of swamp at Rock Meadow Swamp, we laid out the same according to grant.

[Feb. 22. Choice of Selectmen.]
Choice of officers for the year 1670.

John Wright, Francis Kendall, Michael Bacon
Isaac Cole, Joseph Wright.

SURVEYORS.—John Brooks, John Mousall, Samuel Waiker, Isaac Richardson.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES.—Henry Summers, Increase Winn, Matthew Smith.

FOR CONSTABLE.—James Converse.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—John Russell.

SEALER OF MEASURES.—Edward Winn.

Mr. Humphrey Davie, Deputy, and Edward Johnson, Deputy.

FOR COMMISSIONER.—Thomas Pierce.

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[35*]. [Feb. 22, 1671.] Voted by the major part of the inhabitants, that Lient. John Carter and William Johnson, and Josiah Converse, shall go on to settle the bounds between this town, Andover, Billerica, and Reading, and the town promise to allow them all their charges.

John Wymen, Francis Kendall and Samuel Blogget are appointed to lay out to George Reed, three acres of swamp, according to the town grant, in Rock Meadow.

[A return of a committee about Robert Pierce's and Joseph Knight's land.] We, John Carter and William Johnson, being appointed a committee to see that Robert Pierce and Joseph Knight have their thirty acres of land made up to each of them, according to a town grant, we have done the same, not allowing that ten acres at his house, any of it.

JOHN CARTER,
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

[Feb. 6, 1671.] Richard Snow having a grant, by way of exchange, of six acres of land, as appears by the record, the 6th of Feb., 1658, John Wright, John Russell, and Henry Baldwin, being appointed to lay out to Joseph Carter land at the same place, it is now agreed by the selectmen, that this committee shall lay out to Richard Snow, at the Island and swamp in Boggy Meadow Field, between that and Step Rock, six acres, according to what he exchanged with the town, and the said Richard Snow shall show the bounds of it when he is required.

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[Feb. 28, 1671. CHOICE OF SELECTMEN.] Choice of officers for the year 1671.

Edward Johnson, James Thompson, Henry Brooks, John Mousall, Matthew Johnson,
FOR CONSTABLE.—Michael Bacon.
COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE.—John Wright.

SURVEYORS.—Henry Summers, Michael Lepingwell, Joseph Knight, Josiah Converse.

DEPUTIES.—Edward Johnson, Mr. Humphrey Davie.

FOR FENCES AND SWINE.—Richard Post, Moses Cleveland, Isaac Brooks.

SEALERS.—Edward Winn, John Russell.

[A committee about Ralph Reed's bounds.] William Johnson, Samuel Blogget, and William Locke are appointed a committee to settle the bounds between Ralph Reed's land and the highway leading to Shawshin.

[Agreement with Andover the 23rd of May, 1671.] The 23rd of May, 1671, in order to a final agreement about the bounds dividing between Woburn and Andover, it is agreed by those subscribed, being impowered by each town, that the dividing line shall begin at a white oak, at or near Sutton's Meadow, being marked with a great A: from thence it is to run along by the south side of Joseph Ballard's meadow to a beaver dam upon the said meadow, and from thence to a pine tree on the southeast side of Ensign Chandler's meadow; from thence by that meadow to leave it to Andover, crossing a little spang that turns away easterly; and from thence to a pine tree near Andover cart-path; from thence to a little hill; and from thence to a pine tree in the old line; from thence by a line to Reading tree, leaving out Phillips's Meadow; this shall be a final agreement between these towns of all differences, and shall so remain forever; witness our hands.

JOHN CARTER,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOSIAH CONVERSE,
JOHN OSGOOD,
THOMAS CHANDLER,
JOHN LOVEJOY.

[A general meeting of the inhabitants.] [Order about payment of rates.] A general town meeting, the 22nd of Sept., 1671, voted by the major part of inhabitants then met, that all town rates shall be paid in the same kind and pay as is provided for the country rate, the selectmen for the time being giving under their hands a warrant for the gathering the same.

[36*]. A meeting for a new meeting-house, the 1st of Nov., 1671.

Voted, that William Johnson, John Wyman and Matthew Johnson shall treat with several carpenters about a meeting-house, forty feet square; and the 20th day of this month, to make return to the inhabitants which are appointed to meet upon the same day.

A meeting about a new meeting-house, upon the 20th day of Nov., 1671, voted, by the major part there present, that they would go on to build a meeting-house forty feet square, and proportionally for height, and other ways, as is hereafter expressed in the bargain made between the town on the one party, and Lieut. John Carter, William Johnson, John Wyman and Thomas Pierce on the other party.

Secondly, voted that John Seers, Francis Kendall, Samuel Walker, John Brooks and Samuel Carter, with the present selectmen, are appointed to make a firm bargain with the four persons above said, and are to engage three hundred and twenty pounds of the town's estate, and to see to the payment of it, according to manner and time as in the bargain is expressed.

[Dec. 10.] Matthew Johnson, Samuel Carter and William Locke are appointed to lay out to Samuel Blogget two acres of land near Rag Rock.

[Apr. 3, 1671.] Upon complaint of some of the proprietors of the Great Meadow Swamp, that some have done them damage, the selectmen considering of the grant, and finding evidence sworn to the grant of it, as also other evidences appearing, and also the knowledge we have of it ourselves, do therefore appoint Lieut. John Carter, Sergeant James Converse and George Reed a committee to go and run the bounds between the town Common and the said swamp, that none may damnify the proprietors under color of the common laws.

[The testimony of John Brooks, Will Locke and Jonathan Thompson.] We, under written, witness that at a general town meeting of the whole town of Woburn, they granted unto Josiah Converse, William Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Samuel Blogget and Ralph Reed, all the swamp and low land adjoining to the Great Meadow, that they can make meadow of, dated this 29th day of Jan., 1664.

John Brooks, William Locke and Jonathan Thompson, all of Woburn, made oath before us to the truth of what is above written, this 29th of Jan., 1664. Before us—DANIEL GOOKIN, THOMAS DANFORTH.

[The testimony of John Baker. Entered and recorded in the register of deeds, lib: 3, page 57. Jan. 29, 1664.] John Baker saith that at a general town meeting of the inhabitants of Woburn, the town granted to Josiah Converse, William Johnson, Samuel Blogget, Matthew Johnson and Ralph Reed, all the swamp and low land adjoining to the Great Meadow, that they can make meadow of.

JOHN BAKER. O His mark.

These copies were taken out of the original copies, the 5th of Feb., 1672.

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[Return of a committee about Ralph Reed's line.] Whereas, we, William Johnson, William Locke, and Samuel Blogget, were chosen a committee to lay out the bounds between Ralph Reed's land and the highway, we accordingly went to the place, and having with us Ralph Reed's deed of sale, we have set his bounds according to it, which is to the west side of the swamp next the highway.

[Return of the committee about Samuel Blogget's two acres at Rag Rock.] Whereas, we, Matthew Johnson, William Locke and Samuel Carter, were appointed a committee to lay out to Samuel Blogget two acres of land, formerly granted him by the town, we have done it according to his grant at Rag Rock.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—At this period the records by the hand of Edward Johnson cease. Ill health and approaching death probably conveyed the continuance of his task to another, who proved to be his son, who continued to be his successor for a considerable period.

On the 23d of April, 1672, Captain Edward Johnson died, at the age of 73, after a life full of honors and usefulness. The place of his burial is unknown, as no stone, according to present information, has been found standing to mark his grave. He was famous more than for any one thing, for his book, entitled the *Wonder Working Providence of Zion's Savior in New England*, which was printed in London in 1653, and which is a unique and valuable history of the early settlement of New England, a subject on which his contemporaries considered him unusually well informed. As an author he was not an elegant writer; but his work contains facts nowhere else recorded, and is full of graphic and original expressions, which answer their purpose admirably. The ill arrangement of his matter is the fault that makes his book so unreadable in the light of modern taste and greater culture. The mixture of prose and poetic composition which he attempted was a fashion of his age, and with greater education he might have used it to better purpose. Still his lines, rude as they appear, contain many choice bits of evidently accurate description, which the present time would dislike to lose. That an unlettered carpenter should have undertaken to have written a book in days when only clergymen of liberal education and a few lawyers were authors; in the days when this was an entirely new country, sparsely settled and full of hardships; a work

too to be printed across the ocean in London, so far too that the author could never see the advanced sheets of his book—a fact to which may be attributed some of the mistakes which occur—is a remarkable circumstance.

There is recorded evidence on the records of the State of that time, that his knowledge of the subject, and the printed result of his labors had the confidence of his contemporaries. A copy of the original edition of his work was recently sold at auction in Boston for \$81.

In matters of enthusiasm on religious or political subjects, he must be judged by the character of his contemporaries. It is certain he was eager in the promotion of new settlements in the infant country, and he should be held in lasting honor by the citizens of Woburn, as the foremost settler of the town and present city.]

[37*]. [A general meeting, Feb. 27, 1672.] The inhabitants met for choice of officers for the year 1672.

[SELECTMEN]—Henry Brooks, John Carter, William Johnson, Josiah Converse, Matthew Johnson.

DEPUTIES—Mr. Humphrey Davie, Capt. Edward Hutchinson.

FOR RECORDER—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

FOR CONSTABLE—James Fowle.

COMMISSIONER—John Wyman.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES—Isaac Brooks, Gershom Flagg.

TO GATHER UP FINES ABOUT SWINE—Moses Cleveland.

FOR SURVEYORS—John Mousall, John Pierce, Samuel Blogget, Josiah Converse.

FOR SEALER OF LEATHER—John Russell.

FOR SEALER OF MEASURES—Increase Winn.

At this general meeting there was a committee chosen to join with Andover men to lay a country highway from this town to Andover, which committee were Lieut. John Carter, Ensign William Johnson and Josiah Converse.

Josiah Converse refusing the place of a selectman, Sergeant James Converse was chosen in his room.

[Mar. 18, 1672.] [Order about swine.] The selectmen met and considering the great need this town hath to preserve that little meadow belonging to this town, and the great damage we sustain by our own and other town's swine rooting our meadows, do therefore order and declare, that from the 1st of April unto the 10th day of December, all swine going upon this Town Common shall be sufficiently yoked and rung; and shall any swine be found going in any of our meadows unring and unyoked, or wanting either yokes or rings, though the meadows be not fenced, all such swine being taken by proof upon the meadows, the said swine, though the owners be not known,

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shall be liable to answer all damage; they being taken and apprized by two indifferent men, one chosen by the constable and the other by the party wronged, and where any swine are taken doing damage within the limited time above said, unyoked and unrun, all such swine shall be liable to answer to the use of the town sixpence for want of rings, and four pence for want of yoke; also double damage to the party wronged, which is all to be recovered in the way above said; the swine themselves answering the damage.

[Apr. 23, 1672.] Whereas, George Brush complains that he has five acres of meadow at Shred Pine, and he cannot find his bounds, and now going to ditch it in, he desires a committee to settle his bounds; it is therefore ordered, that John Wright, Thomas Pierce and John Brooks are appointed a committee to settle the bounds of the said meadow, according to his grant, and to consider the same in the convenience of his ditching.

[George Polly and Pierce: their agreement.] At the same meeting, John Pierce and Joseph Carter complain of great damage they receive by George Polly's fence not being sufficient; by the advice of the selectmen both parties have agreed to make a divisional fence, and to bear the charge, the one the one half, and the other the other half; it is to be a four rail fence very sufficient, or that which is equivalent; this fence is to be perfected within six weeks from the 23rd of Apr. in '72.

JOHN PIERCE.

GEORGE POLLY. X his mark.

I also do consent to this agreement and will engage for my son Joseph; witness my hand.

THOMAS PIERCE.

[A general meeting of the inhabitants the 8th day of Oct. 1672.] A vote was passed by the major part there present, that the selectmen shall address themselves to the general court by our deputies, or by petition, that we may have some ease of our burden at Mistick Bridge; it was further voted, that if the selectmen see cause, they have power to make an agreement with the several towns; provided, that if there come to be County Bridges their agreement shall be void.

At the same meeting it was voted, that those which shall be appointed to seat the inhabitants in the new meeting house, shall observe these three rules, videlz: estate, office, and age.

[38*]. It was further voted that five men should be chosen to seat all the rest, which five were chosen; their names are as follows:—

Capt. John Carter, James Thompson, William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, John Wyman.

Josiah Converse and Sergeant Thomas Pierce were chosen to seat the committee and their wives.

At the same meeting it was agreed that the timber land next Billerica line shall be divided, so much, and in such ways as the community, after expressed, shall state by lines; that where there is no timber, the lots may be the larger; and after this committee have stated the lines, the proprietors to draw lots, and then forthwith to be divided.

The committee are as follows:—
Capt. John Carter, William Johnson, John Wyman, Francis Kendall, Thomas Pierce.

At the same meeting, it was ordered

and declared, that whosoever shall take up or fell any tree on the land yet lying common, for every tree so taken up, or fallen, the party transgressing shall pay to the use of the town nineteen shillings a tree; and this order to stand in force till the common land be all divided.

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A rate made for the new meeting house in the year 1672, according to a rate made the 28th of Aug., 1671, it being twelve times doubled.

	[£	s.	d.]
Imprints Richard Snow,	002	10	00
William Butters,	001	04	00
John Wilson, Senior,	003	02	00
John Wilson, Junior,	001	00	00
Joseph Carter, Senior,	001	18	00
Joseph Carter, Junior,	002	06	00
John Farrar,	002	09	00
Samuel Snow,	002	08	00
George Polly,	004	04	00
John Cragin,	001	03	00
Moses Cleveland,	003	14	00
Matthew Smith,	001	04	00
Zachariah Converse,	002	12	00
Henry Summers, Senior,	002	12	00
Henry Summers, Junior,	002	02	00
Michael Lepingwell,	003	16	00
John Russell, Senior,	002	10	00
John Russell, Junior,	004	08	00
Richard Post,	001	17	00
Thomas Pierce, Junior,	002	12	00
Edward Winn,	002	13	00
Increase Winn,	001	11	00
Allen Converse,	004	16	00
John Seers,	004	02	00
John Wright,	004	14	00
James Fowler,	003	11	00
Samuel Walker, Senior,	003	09	00
Israel Walker,	001	11	00
[39*] John Walker,	001	00	00
Isaac Cole,	001	12	00
Gershom Flagg,	002	04	00
Hopestill Foster,	002	03	00
Abraham Jaquith,	005	16	00
John Tidd,	004	01	00
James Thompson, Senior,	001	18	00
Jonathan Thompson,	002	16	00
John Monsall,	005	09	00
John Brooks,	007	06	00
Henry Brooks,	006	06	00
John Burbeen,	001	08	00
John Pierce,	003	06	00
Sergeant Henry Baldwin,	004	19	00
John Baker,	002	16	00
John Snow,	002	06	00
James Snow,	001	13	00
Francis Wyman,	006	00	00
John Wyman,	007	06	00
John Wyman, Junior,	002	16	00
Michael Bacon, Senior,	004	05	00
Thomas Henshaw,	001	05	00
Daniel Bacon,	000	15	00
Ralph Reed,	002	16	00
Robert Pierce,	003	06	00
Joseph Knight,	003	01	00
William Simonds,	004	16	00
Caleb Simonds,	001	00	00
William Clarke,	002	11	00
Henry Tottingham,	007	11	00
Joseph Richardson,	002	18	00
John Richardson,	003	03	00
Theophilus Richardson,	005	10	00
Jocanna Richardson,	003	17	00
Judah Converse,	001	07	00
John Sheldon,	002	16	00
Josiah Converse,	006	15	00
Ensign James Converse,	006	17	00
Capt. John Carter,	009	12	00
John Green,	002	05	00
Will. Johnson,	008	09	00
Sergeant Matthew Johnson,	006	00	00
Richard Gardner,	007	00	00
James Converse, Senior,	002	16	00
Thomas Hall,	001	00	00
William Dean,	001	16	00
Isaac Brooks,	002	14	00
Robert Eames,	003	18	00
Bartholomew Pearson,	005	00	00
Isaac Richardson,	003	09	00
Samuel Richardson,	003	07	00
Samuel Blogget,	004	01	00
[40*] William Locke,	003	11	00
Francis Kendall,	006	12	00
John Kendall,	002	12	00
Samuel Carter,	002	13	00
George Brush,	002	19	00
Joseph Winn,	002	14	00
Joseph Wright,	003	12	00
George Reed,	003	11	00
Samuel Walker, Junior,	004	01	00
Israel Reed,	001	13	00
Ephraim Buck,	001	11	00
Capt. Edward Johnson,	002	17	00
Sergeant Thomas Pierce,	004	13	00
Joseph Pierce,	001	13	00
Richard Nevers,	001	13	00
Joseph Knight, Junior,	001	03	00
James Thompson, Junior,	001	03	00
Joseph Waters,	001	00	00
Nathaniel Richardson,	001	00	00
Zachariah Snow,	001	00	00
Timothy Brooks,	003	10	00
William Symmes,	002	12	00

[A general meeting, Oct. 8, 1672.] Several of the inhabitants have given to John Glazier, each man for himself, as followeth: and they are to deduct out of their proportions, that is to be laid out in their last lots, so much as they give him; and it was agreed by the inhabitants that this land shall be laid out at the Wyman's Bridge, by the order of the selectmen, some on both sides the brook; the persons that gave it, who are to receive so much the less afterward, are as follows:—

[John Glazier's grant of land, amounting to twenty acres in all.]

Capt. Carter, one acre.
William Johnson, one acre.
Ensign James Converse, one acre.
John Wyman, one acre.
Francis Kendall, one acre.
Michael Bacon, one acre.
Josiah Converse, one acre.
Matthew Johnson, one acre.
Thomas Pierce, one acre.
John Seers, one acre.
John Mousall, one acre.
Bartholomew Pearson, one acre.
Samuel Walker, one acre.
Francis Wyman, two acres.
John Snow, one acre.

Henry Brooks, John Richardson,
Samuel Carter, Joseph Richardson,
Samuel Blogget, Isaac Richardson,
William Locke, Allen Converse.

These persons above named gave each one half an acre.

[John Glazier's land laid out.] This land is laid out below the Wyman's Bridge, there being a highway allowed between Francis Wyman's land and it; there being about three acres on the east side of the brook, as the bounds will make manifest; the other seventeen lyeth on the west side of the brook, the highway on the west side of the land, and a line drawn from the highway to the said brook.

[41*]. [Gershom Flagg's exchanging of land.] The 8th day of October, 1672, the selectmen, considering the danger that might happen to the new meeting-house, if any should build upon that parcel of land Gershom Flagg hath on the south east side of it, have exchanged with the said Gershom, and given him a piece for it, joining to his own land.

[Feb. 3, 1673.] A general meeting of the inhabitants, at which time it was voted, and a major part assenting, that the undertakers of the meeting-house shall have, in full satisfaction for all their cost and charge on the new meeting-house, three hundred and thirty-four pounds.

Reckoned with Joseph Carter for townsmen's expense, the 4th day of April, 1673, and the town is debtor one shilling and ten-pence, his own rate not reckoned into this account.

[The inhabitants met for choice of Selectmen, Feb. 25, 1673.] The inhabitants met for choice of officers for the year 1673:—

[SELECTMEN]—Captain John Carter, William Johnson, Francis Kendall, John Wyman, Joseph Wright.

FOR SWINE AND FENCES—Allen Converse, Isaac Richardson, John Russell, Jr.

DEPUTIES—Mr. Humphrey Davie, Capt. Edward Hutchinson.

FOR CONSTABLE—Isaac Brooks.

FOR COMMISSIONER—Ensign James Converse.

FOR SURVEYORS—Henry Baldwin, John Brooks, Josiah Converse, Robert Pierce.

FOR SEALER OF LEATHER—John Russell.

FOR MEASURES—Isaac Cole.

[Mar. 29, 1673.] The selectmen met, and agreed that Joseph Wright, Joseph Winn and Mr. Samuel Carter are appointed a committee to meet with Billerica men, on the second day in

April next; they are to meet at Cambridge corner at the pine tree, by eight of the clock in the morning.

At a general town meeting, 25th day of Feb., 1673, the inhabitants agreed to draw lots for division of timber land, and all to begin at Billerica line, at the head of the old lots, to run four score pole long, and so to come homeward, and when that division is laid out, then to go back again; the lots four score pole long on highway allowed between both ranges; the second range to end at Billerica line, and when that is done then to begin at Maple Meadow, the lots not to exceed four score pole in length, to begin at the Cedar Swamp, and to lay out to the highway at Maple Meadow Bridge; and if this do not answer all the lots, then it is and shall be in the power of the committee that did state these lines, to lay the rest of the lots, for quantity and quality, as convenient as may be. It is further agreed there shall be a highway, as convenient as may be laid, to all these lots, at the discretion of the committee.

At the same time, it was agreed, that William Johnson shall have two pence an acre, in Indian corn, at eight groats the bushel, for laying this land out; or in other pay, to the said William Johnson's content; it is to be paid forthwith, after the lots are laid out, and the said William Johnson is to mark the lines sufficiently with the two first letters of every man's name on three places, on every side line, and the town is to pay for one hand to carry the chain, all the time; which hand is to have two and sixpence a day of the town.

These persons have their lots in the two first ranges at Billerica line:

[These lots are all in the first range next the old lots through which runneth Shawshin path.]

	ACRES.	QR.	1.
Mr. Thomas Carter,	11	0	1
1. Robert Eames,	3	0	1
2. John Russell, Junior,	3	3	0
3. Richard Gardner,	3	2	0
4. Edward Iron,	1	0	1
5. Robert Pierce,	5	0	0
6. Theophilus Richardson,	6	3	0
7. Capt. Edward Johnson,	6	1	0
8. Joanna Mousall,	1	0	0
9. Mistress Graves,	3	3	0
10. Moses Cleveland,	4	1	0
11. Samuel Blogget,	5	2	1
12. John Cutler,	3	0	1
13. Daniel Bacon, by Michael Bacon's right,	11	0	0
14. Francis Wyman, for Dunham,	6	0	0
15. Joseph Knight,	16	0	0
16. Timothy Brooks,	12	0	0
17. Henry Brooks,	8	0	0
18. Joseph Carter,	8	0	1
19. Richard Post,	5	0	0
20. Samuel Walker, Junior,	8	2	0

Here ends the first range.

	ACRES.	QR.	1.
[42*] 21. John Wright,	5	1	1
22. John Green,	5	1	0
23. John Wilson,	5	0	0
24. Michael Bacon,	6	1	1
25. James Fowle,	2	1	0
26. Francis Wyman,	16	0	0
27. George Brush,	19	2	0
28. Capt. John Carter,	19	1	0
29. William Johnson,	7	2	0
30. Henry Tottingham,	6	2	0
31. Henry Baldwin,	5	3	0
32. George Brush,	3	2	0
33. John Johnson,	4	0	1
34. George Reed,	5	0	1
35. John Baker,	3	1	1
36. Isaac Cole,	1	3	1
37. Abraham Jaquith,	5	0	1
38. Edward Winn,	3	2	0
39. John Richardson,	6	0	0

Here is the end of the second range.

These lots are at Maple Meadow, beginning at the Cedar Swamp.

	ACRES.	QR.	1.
40. Richard Snow,	8	3	1
41. James Thompson,	7	0	0
42. John Burbeen,	4	0	1
43. Samuel Carter,	4	0	0
44. Allen Converse,	10	0	0
45. Bartholomew Pearson,	6	0	1
46. Joseph Wright,	4	0	0
47. John Farrar,	3	1	1
48. John Snow,	3	0	0
49. John Wyman,	9	1	1
50. William Clarke,	4	0	0
51. Increase Winn,	1	2	1
52. Francis Kendall,	8	2	0
53. Ensign James Converse,	13	0	0
54. George Polly,	4	3	0
55. Matthew Smith,	2	3	0
56. John Pierce,	3	1	0
57. William Locke,	3	0	0

Here ends this range of lots at Maple Meadow Bridge on the north side the river.

These lots begin the other side Clear Meadow Brook.

	ACRES.	QR.	1.
58. Michael Knight,	4	0	0
59. John Tidd,	7	0	0
60. Sergeant Thomas Pierce,	18	0	0
61. Michael Lepingwell,	9	0	0
62. Hope Foster,	3	0	0
63. Will Simonds,	10	0	0
64. Sergeant Matthew Johnson,	9	0	0
65. Samuel Walker, Senior,	12	0	0
66. John Russell, Senior,	6	0	0
67. Henry Summers, Senior,	6	2	0
68. John Brooks,	10	0	0
69. Isaac Brooks,	3	0	0
70. Joseph Richardson,	5	0	0
71. Ralph Reed,	6	0	0
72. Josiah Converse,	12	0	0
73. John Mousall,	7	0	0

These lots begin at Billerica line.

	ACRES.	QR.	1.
75. Samuel Richardson,	7	0	0
76. Joseph Winn,	3	0	0
77. Isaac Richardson,	2	3	0
78. Jonathan Thompson,	3	1	0
79. John Cragin,	4	0	0
80. Samuel Converse,	7	2	0
John Seers,	6	0	0

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—REMARK ON ONE FEATURE IN THE VALUE OF THESE RECORDS.—To such as see only in a greater portion of these ancient records a "dry desert of land allotments," we

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would say, that the record of these allotments answers several questions which are put pertinaciously at the present day, viz., "On what principle were the lands in New England divided among the first settlers? Did each man receive a certain quantity in a general distribution, and obtain, by purchase, all his landed property which exceeded this amount? Who were the distributors?" They are also of use in illustrating the history of land titles, and in showing the antiquity of the names of localities and individuals, to say nothing of what they show of the character of the town's business at the time, and the fidelity with which it was done].

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[43*] The names of those that have right in the common lands of this town of Woburn, and their several proportions therein, according to their persons and estates agreed upon, by which not only the present upland and swamp is to be divided, but also all the following divisions.

The names of all those that have right to the common lands and timber, and their propriety in land and timber, as also their right and proportion in commons and herbage, which will appear in these columns, April 3, 1668.

In this column is the number of the lots as they were to succeed in order in Maple Meadow Plain and the other division.

The number of acres.

Quarters.

Estate.

Acres in general.

Quarters.

Com[mon].

00	22	2	Mr Thomas Carter,	24	180	00	22
55	6	2	John Farrar,	72	054	00	63
79	10	1	John Wilson,	108	081	00	10
52	10	5	Richard Snow,	116	087	00	11
78	10	1	Joseph Carter,	109	081	03	10
51	15	3	Francis Wyman,	168	126	00	153
29	18	3	John Wyman,	201	150	03	183
27	6	2	John Pierce,	070	52	02	63
31	9	2	George Polly,	102	76	02	93
77	11	2	Henry Baldwin,	125	93	01	113
33	5	2	Matthew Smith,	059	44	01	54
5	8	2	Moses Cleveland,	092	69	00	83
24	7	3	Henry Summers, Sr.,	084	63	00	7
14	08	3	Michael Lepingwell,	094	70	02	9
30	6	1	Richard Post,	067	50	01	63
72	6	0	John Russell, Sr.,	063	47	01	6
26	7	2	John Russell, Jr.,	079	59	01	71
60	15	0	Thomas Pierce,	160	120	00	15
48	7	0	Edward Winn,	075	56	03	7
69	6	0	Joseph Winn,	064	48	00	6
16	3	2	Increase Winn,	036	27	00	31
26	5	3	John Cragin,	62	46	02	6
38	13	2	Allen Converse,	146	109	02	133
71	10	0	John Seers,	106	79	02	10
59	10	3	John Wright,	115	86	01	11
17	7	2	John Tidd,	087	65	01	81
44	04	2	James Fowle,	049	36	03	4
19	12	0	Samuel Walker, Sr.,	139	97	01	121
20	10	1	Abraham Jaquith,	109	81	03	101
76	03	3	Isaac Cole,	041	30	03	4
73	04	2	Samuel Carter,	050	37	02	41
54	12	3	Henry Tottingham,	139	102	03	13
32	13	1	Bartholomew Pearson,	142	106	02	131
57	01	0	Joanna Mousall,	11	008	01	11

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47	16	2	John Brooks,	131	098	00	14
37	12	1	John Mousall,	a. 19	107	080	00
15	7	1	James Thompson,	045	60	00	71
64	6	2	Johathan Thompson,	09	51	03	6
35	7	1	John Knight,	077	57	03	7
33	9	1	Timothy Brooks,	099	74	01	91
28	6	3	John Baker,	072	54	00	7
56	4	3	John Burben,	51	38	1	5
63	11	1	Henry Brooks,	119	89	01	11
49	04	0	Isaac Brooks,	44	33	00	41
1	06	1	Robert Eames,	000	50	00	7
34	13	1	Michael Bacon, Jr.,	144	108	00	131
41	05	0	Isaac Richardson,	055	041	01	51
40	16	2	Theoph. Richardson,	a. 37	147	190	00
67	13	3	Joanna Richardson,	148	111	00	14
50	06	2	John Richardson,	064	52	00	61
58	08	1	Joseph Richardson,	082	66	00	81
05	12	1	[44*] Samuel Converse,	a. 12	115	86	01
21	14	1	Josiah Converse,	a. 13	140	105	00
11	19	0	James Converse,	a. 12	186	139	02
61	18	0	John Carter,	191	143	00	0
45	06	1	Wm. Green's hrs., al'd	000	50	00	0
10	15	2	William Johnson,	162	121	02	0
18	07	2	Richard Gardner, al'd	000	60	00	0
25	09	0	Matthew Johnson,	096	72	00	0
53	08	1	John Johnson,	88	66	00	0
39	12	2	Edward Johnson,	allowed	87	100	00
74	09	2	Samuel Blogget,	105	78	03	0
08	10	2	George Reed,	112	84	00	0
12	08	3	William Locke,	94	70	02	0
06	09	0	Samuel Walker, Jr.,	97	72	03	0
68	12	1	Michael Bacon, Sr.,	152	99	00	0
09	10	0	Robert Pierce,	109	81	03	0
22	09	2	Joseph Knight,	103	77	01	0
46	03	0	Ralph Reed,	84	63	00	0
66	14	3	William Simonds,	147	110	01	0
07	08	0	William Clarke,	85	63	03	0
13	15	2	Francis Kendall,	162	121	02	0
62	07	2	Mistress Graves, al'd	000	060	00	0
43	08	0	Joseph Wright,	086	064	02	0
02	03	0	Thomas Whittemore,	033	024	03	0
42	06	0	John Snow,	064	048	00	0
75	08	1	George Brush,	088	066	00	0
70	02	1	Edward Iron,	024	018	00	0
03	03	3	John Cutler, allowed	000	030	00	0
04	05	1	Michael Knight,	057	042	01	0

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43- [43*] A country rate made Aug. 26, 1666.

	[£	s.	d.]
Imprimis John Farrar,	000	01	05
John Wilson,	000	06	03
William Batters,	000	03	00
Richard Snow,	000	10	06
Joseph Carter,	000	06	07
Francis Wyman,	000	13	07
John Wyman,	000	11	04
John Pierce,	000	05	09
George Polly,	000	05	07
John Glazier,	000	03	04
Henry Baldwin,	000	07	06
Matthew Smith,	000	02	05
Moses Cleveland,	000	03	11
Henry Summers,	000	06	07
Michael Lepingwell,	000	06	02
Richard Post,	000	04	04
John Russell, Senior,	000	04	10
John Russell, Junior,	000	04	11
Thomas Pierce,	000	10	00
Edward Winn,	000	05	10
Joseph Winn,	000	04	06
Increase Winn,	000	00	06
John Cragin,	000	01	
Allen Converse,	000	11	
John Seers,	000	07	
John Wright,	000	08	
John Tidd,	000	04	06
James Fowle,	000	03	
Sannael Walker, Senior,	000	08	09
Abraham Jaquith,	000	07	
Isaac Cole,	000	03	
Samuel Carter,	000	04	
Henry Tottingham,	000	11	05
Bartholomew Pearson,	000	12	08
Joanna Mousall,	000	00	06
John Brooks,	000	07	06
John Mousall,	000	06	00
James Thompson,	000	03	09
Jonathan Thompson,	000	04	00
John Knight,	000	06	00
Timothy Brooks,	000	03	00
John Baker,	000	03	
44* John Burheen,	000	03	00
Henry Brooks,	000	09	06
Isaac Brooks,	000	00	09
Robert Eames,	000	07	06
Michael Bacon, Senior,	000	11	03
Isaac Richardson,	000	04	07
Theophilus Richardson,	000	11	03
Joanna Richardson,	000	09	05
John Richardson,	000	04	11
Joseph Richardson,	000	02	05
Samuel Converse,	000	08	09
Josiah Converse,	000	12	01
James Converse,	000	13	05
John Carter,	000	18	00
William Johnson,	000	10	07
Matthew Johnson,	000	06	09
John Johnson,	000	04	10
Edward Johnson,	000	08	06
Samuel Blogget,	000	06	08
George Reed,	000	06	05
William Locke,	000	05	09
Samuel Walker, Junior,	000	06	10
Michael Bacon, Junior,	000	11	00
Robert Pierce,	000	05	04
Joseph Knight,	000	06	06
Ralph Reed,	000	05	04
George Brush,	000	07	00
William Simonds,	000	08	06
William Clarke,	000	05	10
Francis Kendall,	000	11	10
Joseph Wright,	000	03	05
Thomas Whittemore,	000	02	04
Edward Irons,	000	02	00
Richard Nevers,	000	02	06
Henry Summers,	000	02	06
John Snow,	000	04	11

At a public town meeting, the 6th of May, 1667, there was granted to Francis and John Wyman twelve acres of meadow, upon the Cedar Swamp Brook, called Lubber's Brook, the said twelve acres of meadow to begin at Billerica old line, and so to run down stream till the twelve acres be out.

William Johnson is granted a parcel of timberland nigh the Great Meadow, namely, all the timber that groweth upon a tract of land, bounded by the land of John Glazier easterly, and the Wyman's land northerly, and the propriety of those that claim the Great Meadow Swamp, and between the river and Goodman Wilson's land, and the Wyman's; also a small parcel of timber between the lots in Hog's Hole and the Great Meadow; all the wood and timber on the foresaid land is granted by the committee to William Johnson and his heirs, for satisfaction of a par-

cel of timber land taken from him, and was added to the seventh division; also all the oak timber on Pine Plain, where Matthew Johnson and James Converse have the pines.

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[45*]. The 23rd of September, 1668, the persons appointed by the committee of the honored general court to order the affairs of this town of Woburn, did divide the wood and timber, growing and lying on the hither part of their Common, into eight parts, as it is here bounded; the which is more particularly to be divided by themselves to each person named, in that part they belong unto, according to the proportion of land they have right unto in the whole common, which is annexed to their names; and if they shall neglect to divide the same, as is above expressed, at or before the first of September next ensuing the date hereof, then the persons, or the greater number of them, who have divided those eight, shall divide it more particularly, the owners paying for the same; the which timber and wood is hereby confirmed, his proportion to him, his heirs, and successors, forever, and all hereafter growing on the same land.

[The bounds of the first division.] The first eight, being all that common land on the east side of the mill, granted to this town by Charlestown; the timber and wood growing or lying upon the said land, with half the pines growing on the second division, for which that division is enlarged; also one half of the timber and wood beyond Great Meadow from a line that runneth from Great Meadow Bridge to Cambridge line, on Bull Meadow Hill, excepting the pines which belong to the seventh division.

[The names of the persons interested in the first division.]

James Converse, 139, and 12.
Josiah Converse, 105, and 13.
Samuel Converse, 86, and 12.
Theophilus Richardson, 110, and 37.
Joanna Richardson, 111.
John Richardson, 34, and 18.
Isaac Richardson, 41.

The total sum, 718. [Or 719, per a marginal computation in the original represented by 205 plus 74 plus 440 = 719].

[The bounds of the second division.]

The second eighth, lying on the east side of the meeting-house, bounded on the east with Reading bounds, containing all the timber and wood growing on the common lands of the town, between Joseph Richardson's lot and a great white oak marked near Willow Meadow, the highway leading to Willow Meadow being the bounds northward, to which is added a parcel of land lying at the east end of Wood Hill, being by estimation fifty acres, more or less, divided from the third division, partly by a highway, and partly by a line to Maple Meadow River, and on the west side

divided by a line from the timber reserved in the town's hands for succeeding officers; all this timber, except half the pines which belong to the first division, belongs to these persons, as also a tract of land near Hundred Acres Meadow, bounded east by Reading line, and north by a way to Matthew Edwards' meadow, south and west by a line run between the second and third eighth; one tract of land more at Forest Field Hill, bounded by the most easterly path that goeth to Shawshin, and on the west and northwest by the lots at Break Neck Hill; south and southwest by the Wymans' 500 acres and Capt. Carter's land, with a corner to Long Meadow Swamp; bounded southeast, in the margin: [Bounded on the south east by the land that was formerly Allen Converse's and by Samuel Carter's land, to the most easterly path leading to Shawshin.]

[The names of the persons interested in the second division.]

Bartholomew Pearson,	106
Henry Tottingham,	102
Mistress Graves,	60
Robert Eames,	50
Joseph Richardson,	66
John Brooks,	98, and 18
John Mousall,	80, and 18
Henry Brooks,	89
Joanna Mousall,	84
James Thompson,	60
The total sum, 758.	[Or in margin: 372 plus 386 = 758.]

[The bounds of the third division.]

The third division is all the land from the second division, to the highway that is from Summers' Corner, along the path to the east end of Boggy Meadow, and then to New Bridge, and so to Cold Spring, and from thence through Wood Hill by a line that bounds the fifty acres that belongs to the second division, to Clear Meadow Brook, and on the north east by a line from Maple Meadow Brook to Reading line: this belongs to the following persons, both wood and timber.

John Wright,	86
John Tidd,	63
James Fowle,	36
Samuel Walker,	97
John Cutler,	35
John Seers,	79
Isaac Cole,	30
Mr. Thomas Carter,	180
Samuel Carter,	37
George Brush,	66
Thomas Whittmore,	24
Abraham Jaquith,	81

[Or 420 plus 315 = 735 plus 79. Marginal computation.]

[46*]. [The bounds of the fourth division.] The fourth division is all the wood and timber between the third division, from Summers's Corner to the east end of Boggy Meadow; and the highway that leadeth from New Bridge to Cold Spring, and then through Wood Hill to Clear Meadow Brook, and from corner of John Seers' lot, in Hungry Plain, and from thence by a straight line to the swamp, or brook, that lyeth on the south side of Wood Hill, and then along that brook to a line that runneth through Wood Hill to Clear Meadow Brook; and bounded on the east by the line that divides it and the town's timber; the persons to whom it belongs are here named. Also one tract of land for timber and wood lying near Hundred Acres, bounded by a line drawn from James Thompson's Meadow, to Maple Meadow, and along said meadow to Reading land, and alongst the highway that goeth to Edward's, his bridge; also a tract of timberland, lying on Forest Field Hill, bounded by the most easterly path west, and the woodland of Theophilus Richardson on north, the line of the first division east, and the Wymans' woodland south-east.

[The names of the persons interested in the fourth division.]

Joseph Carter,	0813
Matthew Smith,	0441
Moses Cleveland,	0691
Henry Summers,	0063
Edward Winn,	0563
Edward Iron,	0181
Michael Lepingwell,	0701
John Russell, Senior,	0471
John Russell, Junior,	0591
Thomas Pierce,	120
Allen Converse,	1091

[333 plus 407 = 740: Marginal Computation.]

[The bounds of the fifth division.] The fifth division is all the timber and wood from the bounds of the fourth division, and the highway that leads to Forest Field Hill, to a line that runneth off without the hill, to the brook that runneth along into Clear Meadow; the persons name's to whom it belongs follow:

[The names of the persons interested in the fifth division.]

John Wyman,	1501
Francis Wyman,	126
John Pierce,	0521
George Polly,	0761
Henry Baldwin,	0931
John Baker,	54
John Wilson,	81
Richard Snow,	87
John Snow,	48

[499 plus 270 = 769: Marginal Computation.]

[The bounds of the sixth division.] The sixth division is all the wood and timber on the southerly side of the path, that goeth to Forest Field Hill, and then along the lots to the south end of them, and from thence to Long Meadow, and along the said meadow to a line from the south end to the new path that goeth from the said meadow to Robert Pierce's, and so to Michael Bacon's house; the names of the persons to whom it belongs follows:

[The names of the persons interested in the sixth division.]

John Farrar,	58
John Knight,	573
Richard Post,	501
Robert Pierce,	813
Joseph Winn,	48
Increase Winn,	27
Joseph Wright,	641
Jonathan Thompson,	513
Ralph Reed,	63
William Simonds,	110
William Clarke,	633
Joseph Knight,	77

[323 plus 430 = 753: Marginal Computation.]

[47*]. [The bounds of the seventh division. Addition to this eight. Also all the common woodland on Rag Rock.] The seventh division is all the timber and wood that lyeth on the west side of the highway leading to Long Meadow south end, and from thence along the brook that runneth out of Long Meadow, to the swamp that is at George Reed's meadow, and from thence, along that swamp, to Rock Meadow, and along the east side of the Pine Swamp, to the line that bounds the eighth division; and an addition of a tract of land for timber, lying on the west and north west side of Long Meadow, being all that tract of land between the path that goeth over the brook to the Wymans' Bridge and Long Meadow Swamp; bounded on the north by a path that leads to Ralph Reed's from the said bridge, and by Mr. Carter's land, with half the swamp bounded out as timberland; also a parcel of timberland near Cherry Meadow, bounded by the lots and the other timberland of the fifth division, and half the timberland on the other side Great Meadow, dividing with the first eight.

[The names of the persons interested in the seventh division.]

Francis Kendall,	1211
Samuel Walker, Jr.,	0721
John Cragin,	461
Michael Knight,	421
George Reed,	841
Michael Bacon, Senior,	108
Michael Bacon, Junior,	099

[In Margin 291 plus 283 = 574.]

291 plus 283 = Total, 574.

[The bounds of the eighth division.] The eighth division is all the timber and wood that lyeth on the slip of land next Cambridge line, bounded on the north with a line run equally with the lots that were laid out by Charlestown, and all the lots of common that lyeth on that side, together with all the scattering wood and timber that is between the bounds of the seventh division and Cambridge line; which bounds of the seventh division is from a tree marked on the rocks by William Clarke's Little Rock Meadow, and runneth along the east side of the Pine Swamp and Rock Meadow to Concord path, and then alongst George Reed's lot, Joseph Knight's and Robert Pierce's lot, to George Reed's meadow; all the wood and timber within the said bounds belong to the persons following:—

[The names of the persons interested in the eighth division.]

Imprimis Capt. Edward Johnson,	100
Capt. John Carter,	143
William Johnson,	121½
William Green's heirs,	50
Matthew Johnson,	72
Richard Gardner,	60
Samuel Blogget,	78½
William Locke,	72
John Johnson,	66
Isaac Brooks,	33
[309 plus 487 = 796.]	309

All the wood and timber that is upon the common lands of Thomas Lynde's lot, William Frothingham's lot, and Nicholas Trarice's lot, belongs to these persons following:—

John Burbeen, 38½	
James Converse, 40, it being bated out of his father's in the first division.	
Timothy Brooks, 74½	
[Totals, 152]	

The eight several divisions being cast up and added together, all of them, with the three persons above added, amounts to 5,996 acres.

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[The Cedar Swamp, called Lebanon, divided into eight parts to proprietors.] Whereas, there was a committee appointed by the consent of the proprietors of the lands of this town of Woburn, to divide the Cedar Swamp, as equally as they could, among those that have right thereto; which work was in part accomplished by them; and now by the committee appointed by our honored general court's committee further perfected and divided into eighths: Imprimis, the swamp called Lebanon, be completed into the division of eight parts, beginning at a tree marked some distance from the river, where the Cedar beginneth, and so to measure to the place where the Cedar ends, dividing it into eight parts; the first division to begin next the river.

[48*]. Secondly, the swamp called Middle, or Ladder Pole Swamp, is divided into eight parts, beginning with the number one, at the river. The lots to be drawn the 17th of June, 1668; and what number is drawn shall take place in both swamps accordingly.

There was a man out of each eight, drew a lot for his part, or eighth, *videlicet*: Theophilus Richardson drew for his eighth, number one; Allen Converse for his eighth, number two; Richard Snow for his eighth, number three; Samnel Walker, number four; Joseph Wright, number five; Joseph Knight, number six; John Carter, number seven; and the eighth came without drawing. The proprietors of these eights have liberty to divide more particularly, when they please, and all the cedar-wood and timber, that is upon every man's division, together with the land, is for him, and his heirs, forever.

[The first eighth of Cedar bounded with a line, number one, in both swamps]. The first eighth, both in Lebanon and the Middle Swamp, begin at the end next the river, in both swamps. The names of the persons to whom it belongs follow, land and all, to them, and their heirs, forever.

	ACRES.
Matthew Smith,	044½
John Cragin,	27
Increase Winn,	46½
Michael Bacon, Senior,	108
Isaac Richardson,	41½
Theophilus Richardson,	110½
Joanna Richardson,	111
John Richardson,	52½
Joseph Richardson,	66½
Will Simonds,	110½
Richard Gardner,	60

These may divide more particularly, when they please.

[The second eighth.] The second eighth, adjoining the first division, both in Lebanon and in the middle Swamp, the names of the persons to whom it belongs, follows, land and timber, to them, their heirs, forever.

	ACRES.
Matthew Johnson,	72
Allen Converse,	109½
Henry Tottingham,	102½
Bartholomew Pearson,	106½
Joanna Mousall,	008½
John Knight,	057
Timothy Brooks,	74
John Baker,	54
Jonathan Thompson,	51½
John Mousall,	98½

To be divided more particularly, when they please.

[The third eighth.] The third eighth, adjoining to the second, both in Lebanon and in the Middle Swamp, the names of the persons to whom it belongs follows, both land and timber, to them, and their heirs, forever.

	ACRES.
Mr. Thomas Carter,	380
Edward Winn,	056½
Richard Snow,	087
Joseph Carter,	081½
Mr. Graves,	60
Francis Wyman,	126
John Wyman,	150

To be divided more particularly to each man, when they please.

[The fourth eighth.] The fourth eighth, adjoining to the third both in Lebanon and the Middle Swamp, the names of the persons are as follows, both land and timber, to them, and their heirs, forever.

	ACRES.
[49*]. William Green's heirs,	50
John Pierce,	52½
Joseph Winn,	48
John Brooks,	116½
John Seers,	079½
John Wright,	086½
John Tidd,	065½
James Fowle,	36½
Samuel Walker, Senior,	97½
Abraham Jaquith,	81½
Isaac Cole,	30½
Thomas Whittemore,	24½

[The fifth division.] The fifth eighth, adjoining to the fourth, both in Lebanon and in the Middle Swamp, the names of the persons to whom it belongs follows land and timber, to them and their heirs, forever.

	ACRES.
John Farrar,	54
Michael Bacon, Junior,	099½
Francis Kendall,	121½
James Thompson,	060
Joseph Wright,	064½
Michael Knight,	42½
John Snow,	48½
John Burbeen,	38½
Henry Brooks,	89½
Isaac Brooks,	33
Henry Summers,	063
Samuel Carter,	37½

[The sixth division.] The sixth division, adjoining to the fifth, both in Lebanon and the Middle Swamp, the names of the persons to whom it belongs follow, land and timber, to them, and their heirs, forever.

	ACRES.
John Johnson,	66
William Locke,	72½
Samuel Walker, Jr.,	072½
George Reed,	84
Samuel Blogget,	78½
William Clarke,	63½
Ralph Reed,	63
Robert Pierce,	81½
Joseph Knight,	77½
George Brush,	66
John Cutler,	30

[The seventh eighth.] The seventh division, adjoining to the sixth, both in Lebanon and the Middle Swamp, the names of the persons to whom it belongs is as follows, to them, and their heirs, forever.

[These divisions are twelve pole wide at Ladder Pole Swamp.]

	ACRES.
Capt. Edward Johnson,	100
Lieut. John Carter,	143
Josiah Converse,	118
James Converse,	151½
Samuel Converse,	098
William Johnson,	121½

To be divided more particularly, when they please. [The eighth division.] The eighth division, adjoining to the seventh, both in Lebanon and the Middle Swamp, the names of the persons to whom it belongs is as followeth, both land and timber, forever:—

	ACRES.
George Polly,	76½
Edward Iron,	18
John Wilson,	81
Henry Baldwin,	93½
Moses Cleveland,	69
Michael Lepingwell,	70½
Richard Post,	50½
John Russell, Senior,	47½
John Russell, Junior,	50½
Thomas Pierce,	120½
Robert Eames,	050

The cedar that lyeth near the Sandy Pond, is to be divided between the seventh and eighth division.

[50*] [Francis Wyman hath Thomas Whittemore's grant, and he as much in another place.] The 27th day of March, 1672, the committee appointed by our honored general court's committee, considering what might be judged convenient and right to be given to Francis Wyman, as his right, for what estate he has at his old house, the which we find, comparing it with the way of division, to be eighteen acres, to be added to twenty and four acres and three quarters, given him by the committee, in March, 1671, for his right to Dunham's house, which is in the third division, and was formerly Thomas Whittemore's, in the lieu of which, Thomas Whittemore is to have the like in another place.

JOHN CARTER.
JOSIAH CONVERSE.
THOMAS PIERCE.

[Feb. 17, 1673.] The foresaid committee meet upon the Common, on the other side of Maple Meadow, and agreed that Francis and John Wyman shall have ten acres apiece, through Wood Hill, lying amongst the fourth division, and twelve acres apiece on the other side Maple Meadow River, the line of the fourth eighth being stretched out over the river one hundred pole; they may have their twelve acres apiece on which side the line they please, either up stream or down stream, lying a hundred pole in length from the river. They are also to have three acres apiece at Lubber's Brook, from Billerica line downward; this was agreed upon by the committee and the two Wymans, in consideration of full satisfaction for all demands of land and timber they can demand of the town; except their right of proportions, as they stand on list in the town book.

At the time and place above said, agreed with Francis Kendall, for his eighth; we mean all the persons in his eighth, that they shall have as an addition to their eighth, a tract of timber, lying on the west side of Cherry Meadow Swamp, beginning fifteen pole to the westward of a poplar tree on Break Neck Hill, which is the line of division of lots, and amongst the lots four score pole, and then westward to the beginning of the second range, and amongst them forescore pole to Rock Pond Meadow, and then amongst that swamp to Cherry Meadow Swamp, and up that swamp to the lots Ensign Sherman laid out.

[Whittemore's grant.] They also at the same time granted to the heirs of Thomas Whittemore, twenty-four acres on the other side Maple Meadow Bridge; one and twenty of it, the timber, and not the land; the other three acres is land and timber, lying on the west side of John Russell's land, bordering on the river; which is swamp between the river and upland; the timber land beginneth at a marked maple, by the highway, and is to run north about sixty pole, and westerly till the complement be made up.

George Brush had a parcel of swamp granted him by the town, when he was admitted town privilege, which was laid out by Samuel Blogget and Samuel Carter, by the appointment of the committee.

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[General meeting of the inhabitants, Apr. 21, 1673.] It was agreed by the major part of inhabitants present, that there should be five men chosen to consider of the town books, and what records they judge convenient to be left out; and to put in such as may be thought fit, either by testimony, or their own knowledge; the major part consenting, the persons chosen are as follows:—

John Wright, William Johnson, Francis Kendall, Ensign James Converse, John Wyman.

Edward Iron's lot at Timber Field, sold by the selectmen to Richard Gardner, and they received pay for it.

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[51*] [May 5, 1673.] The selectmen met, and considering the great damage that is done to our meadows by cattle feeding them, not only in the spring, but also reared hay time.—It is therefore ordered by the selectmen of this town of Woburn, that whatsoever herdsman, or any other, that shall tend cattle, shall between the first of April and the last of August, tend or keep any cattle in any mowable meadows, he, or they, shall pay to the party damaged, twelve pence a head, for all that shall be found feeding in the said meadows, whether the meadows shall be fenced or not fenced.

Whereas, by a general vote of the inhabitants, it was agreed that the selectmen shall make an order concerning gates, it is therefore ordered by the selectmen, that whatsoever person shall be convicted of leaving open any gates that are upon our highways, or into meadows, pastures, corn fields, or any other improved grounds, they shall pay all damage, and also two and sixpence; half to the use of the town, and half to the informer, for every defect.

[June 20, 1673.] The selectmen met, and taking into consideration the condition of Edward Iron, have agreed to supply his wants out of their own stock, till the town have a supply to repay it again; and have agreed with Edward Winn to provide him with beer, and the dressing of such provision, as he cannot; also to take care for him, and inform the selectmen what is necessary for him, that so his necessity may be supplied.

A county rate made to the value of £9, 6s., 2d, and delivered to Isaac Brooks to gather; it being something more than the county rate, the overplus is due to the town, as will appear by the treasurer's warrant.

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[Oct. 22, 1673. Mr. Carter's arrears ordered to be paid.] The selectmen met, and receiving from Mr. Thomas Carter a bill, wherein several persons are behind in paying their arrears to the ministry, have ordered, that the constable shall forthwith demand of the several persons expressed in that bill, the full sums there due: and if they refuse to pay, to take it by distress, and return it to our pastor.

[Apr. 4, 1667. Joseph Winn and the Wymans' agreement about Mount Playnum Field.] Francis and John Wyman came to a final agreement before the selectmen, with Joseph Winn, about the fencing of Mount Playnum Field. Joseph Winn hath covenanted to lie in general, and to set up twenty and five rod of fence on the west side of the said field, next the Mountain Corner, and to maintain it forever; and if the said Winn shall desire to be in particular again, then he is to do it on his own charge, and to maintain the general fence also; and every man that is a proprietor is to maintain the fence at each end of his lot, and this was their mutual agreement before the selectmen.

JAMES THOMPSON.
JOHN SEERS.
FRANCIS KENDALL.

[Apr. 25, 1662.] A record of a parcel of land granted to Isaac Cole, by the general consent of the town, for a house plot, containing fifty pole, more or less, bounded by the highway on the east, and the highway to the burying-place on the north, and the west and south by the town Common.

[Feb. 24, 1674. An order about highways.] At this general meeting, it was determined by the inhabitants, that they would choose two constables. It was ordered by the selectmen, that all the inhabitants shall [work] at the highways proportionably, according to their several [shares?], and being warned if any shall neglect to appear, according [to the] said order, and work out so much as their proportion [torn off] two in the place appointed by the surveyors, every [such] person shall pay for every day's neglect, half a crown, [the same] to be taken by the constable.

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[52*] [Public meeting of the inhabitants for choice of selectmen and other officers, for the year 1674.]

SELECTMEN:—Capt. John Carter, William Johnson, Francis Kendall, Ensign James Converse, Francis Wyman.

COMMISSIONERS TO END SMALL CAUSES:—Capt. John Carter, William Johnson, Ensign James Converse.

FOR CONSTABLES:—Gershom Flagg, Robert Pierce.
FOR DEPUTIES:—Mr. Humphrey Davie, William Johnson.

FOR SURVEYORS:—Allen Converse, John Mousall, Samuel Blogget, James Converse, Junior.

FOR SWINE:—Sergeant Thomas Pierce.

FOR FENCES:—John Seers, Edward Winn.

FOR SEALER OF LEATHER:—John Russell, Senior.

SEALER OF MEASURES:—Increase Winn.

COMMISSIONER TO JOIN WITH THE SELECTMEN:—Josiah Converse.

56

[Division of swamps.] At this public meeting, it was agreed by the inhabitants, that if any persons desire to have their proportion of swamp in their eighth, receiving the bottom of swamp by measure, acre for acre, as they were to have it in the division of swamps, they shall have it, provided it be measured to them as the other division of swamp is; and for all those that have not swamp in their eighth, or so not good to receive the bottom of swamp in their eighth as so much swamp in their division, they shall have their proportion in the swamp that lyeth out of the eighths; they being stated and determined, how and at what place, to begin, and to go on, till they be divided; and this work is committed unto the orderly settlement and direction of three persons, chosen by the vote of the town, *videlicet*:—Eusign James Converse, Francis Kendall, and Sergeant Thomas Pierce, who are to accomplish it as soon as may be.

At this public meeting, it is agreed by the major vote of the inhabitants, that the selectmen shall have power to issue the business about a tract of land Joseph Winn desires.

Farther, Joseph Knight is granted liberty to dig a well before his house, for a supply of water, provided he secure it from danger.

Also, Isaac Brooks having engaged to set traps, from time to time, in a spring between Wood Hill and Maple Meadow Plain, to catch wolves, he having been at charge to allure the wolves thither, all other persons are prohibited to set any traps at the same place, so long as Isaac Brooks liveth, [and] shall go on to improve it for the same end or use.

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[53*] [The division of the second eighth into two parts. The first part to Henry Brooks, James Thompson, John Brooks and John Mousall.] The persons belonging to the second division of timberland, made choice of Capt. John Carter, Deacon Josiah Converse, and Sergeant Thomas Pierce, to divide their eighth in two parts, excepting the pines; these persons divided it as followeth, namely, to Henry Brooks, James Thompson, John Brooks, and John Mousall; which four persons, having by proportion about the one half of the complement of the second eighth,—we divided to the persons above named, all the timber and wood, that belongs to the second eighth, between the meeting house and Buck Meadow, and also the fifty acres at Wood Hill, that belongs to the second eighth; also, that tract of woodland that belongs to the second eighth, lying near Hundred Acres, bounded as it is set down in the bounds of the second eighth, page 45; also, part of that tract of land at Forest Field Hill, bounded by the most easterly path that leads to Shawshin, north by a line that divides them, and the other men of the second eighth, and on the land of Mr. Thomas Carter west, and south on the land that was formerly Allen Converse's, and the end of Samuel Carter's lot, and then by a line from his lot to the road; also, a piece of woodland, at a place called Break Neck Hill, bounded east on the road, north on the lots, west on the Wyman's 500 acres; south by a line on the south side of the swamp, running from Shawshin path to the line of Capt. John Carter's land.

[The second part to Bartholomew Pearson, Henry Tottingham, Robert Eames, Mistress Graves and Joseph Richardson.] The three men, above said, also divided the other half of the second eighth to Bartholomew Pearson, Henry Tottingham, Robert Eames, Mistress Graves, and Joseph Richardson, all the wood and timber that belongs to the second eighth, on the east side of Buck Meadow River, from Joseph Richardson's lot, to a great white oak marked, near Willow Meadow; also, a piece of wood land at Forest Field Hill, bounded east on Shawshin Road, north by a line from the said road to Capt. Carter's land and west on the path to the Wyman's; south by a line between them and the other four men, that have the other half of the second eighth.

JOSIAH CONVERSE.
THOMAS PIERCE.

[Mar. 11, 1674. The selectmen meet. An order about running bounds.] The selectmen met, and considering the great trouble and inconveniences that may accrue to the inhabitants of this town of Woburn, by reason of persons neglecting to run the bounds of the divisions of their lands and timber lands:—

Do therefore order, and declare, that every person having lands or timber lands in this town of Woburn, and shall not run the bounds of their divisions of land and timber, between this and the first of May next, and renew their marks and stakes between them and the party adjoining, every person neglecting to do as is here ordered, shall pay to the use of the town, ten shillings.

JOHN CARTER,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JAMES CONVERSE,
FRANCIS KENDALL.

[An order for meeting of the selectmen.] At the same time, it was agreed by the selectmen, that if any of the said selectmen shall not appear at the place of meeting, on the first second day of every month, by nine of the clock, in the morning, every such selectman shall pay to the use of the town, three shillings, unless he be hindered by some providence, that may be judged sufficient for excuse, by the major part of the selectmen present.

51

See

We, whose names are subscribed, by the authority of the general court, empowering us to hear and determine matters of difference among the inhabitants of Woburn, do give our resolve concerning the allotments lately laid out among them, as followeth, *videlicet*:

That we see no just cause to reverse, or change, what is done by the committee, so far as it refers to the 1500 acres, appointed to be laid out; but in case any do appear to be considerably damaged by what is done, we do advise that some meet allowance be made them; and for the charges in laying it out, and paying the surveyor, we do order that each pay proportionably to what he hath interest therein. Given under our hands the 14th of March, 1668,

DANIEL GOOKIN.
THOMAS DANFORTH,
EDWARD COLLINS.

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[54*]. [June 15, 1674.] The selectmen met and considering the great trouble that hath been about the fencing of these several house lots, viz: Widow Britton's, Benjamin Butterfield's, John Tidd's, John Wright's, John Seers's, Allen Converse's; and understanding that these lots were formerly in general by consent; and in the year 1654, there appeareth a record that holds forth something of agreement about these lots, but it doth not appear what persons they were that made this agreement; do therefore order, that, for time to come, these several proprietors shall make, and maintain, the fences, according as they are expressed in that record, in the year 1654; only, whereas in that order, the last man is to maintain half a fence more than any of the other; which is contrary to law or reason; we do therefore order, that that half fence, which is thirty and seven pole, be divided into six several parts, and every lot to make and maintain one part, which cometh to six pole and about one yard.

The selectmen measured out every proprietor, his part, and marked them out; Allen Converse to do his next the pond; and John Seers next; John Wright next him; James Fowle next him; Abraham Jaquith next him; Widow Britton next him.

[Mar. 11, 1674. Billerica line run.] Agreed, that William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, and Francis Kendall run the bounds between Billerica and this town, on the third second day of April, being the twentieth day of the month; to meet at Cambridge Corner, at the pine tree, by nine of the clock, in the morning, which accordingly was done; and the line perfected to Sutton's Meadow, where it meets with Andover line.

[Apr. 8, 1674. An order for the proprietors of Plain Field.] The selectmen met at Plain Field, and measured the said field, and divided to every proprietor their proportion of fence; and with all, did enjoin them to repair their several proportions of fence, by the first of April, from year to year to year, and to keep up the same fence sufficiently, till one full month after Indian corn is gathered; and to put in cattle to feed the said field, after the corn is in proportionably, according to the number of acres they enjoy, allowing for every beast one acre and half.

[Robert Pierce new grant and highway for the west end.] Robert Pierce is permitted to keep that piece of land which he hath enclosed, which was part of ten acres, formerly laid out by the selectmen, and to surrender up all the rest of the ten acres as town common, and to leave a highway for the west end, if they require it, between the upland and meadow, the which he is willing to do.

[The completing of the bounds of the land of Nod.] The 21st of September, Seventy Four, Charlestown men, Mr. William Symmes and Edward Wilson, in the behalf of the proprietors of the land of Nod, did go with Woburn Committee and receive their three thousand acres in the land of Nod, according to bounds given under their hands, upon record, bearing date the 20th of June, '71; with which bounds they were fully satisfied.

[Nov. 2, 1674.] The selectmen met, and agreed that there should be a general meeting warned, upon the 16th day of Nov., 1674, to confer about Mr. Carter's maintenance, about the swamps, and also about a town rate.

[Mr. Carter's wood.] At this general meeting, it was agreed by a major vote, that the town would yearly bring Mr. Thomas Carter, our reverend pastor, twenty cord of wood, and deliver it at his door, over and above his four-score pound; provided, those that will, may have leave to take the said wood off his own land.

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[Correction.—For the expression
"reared haytime," in instalment, for
Sept. 21, read "nearer haytime."
[55*]. A country rate made the
18th of August, 1674.

	[£. s. d.]
<i>Imprimis</i> , Capt. John Carter, four persons and estate,	00 18 05
Richard Gardner estate,	00 08 03
John Green, one person and estate,	00 04 01½
William Johnson, three persons and estate,	00 18 03
Sergeant Matthew Johnson, two persons and estate,	00 10 09
Sergeant James Converse, one person and estate,	00 05 11½
Sergeant Thomas Pierce, two persons and estate,	00 09 09½
Caleb Farlow, one person and estate,	00 04 08
Ensign James Converse, two persons and estate,	00 11 09
Deacon Josiah Converse, one person and estate,	00 10 08
John Sheldon, one person and estate,	00 06 02½
Samuel Richardson, one person and estate,	00 06 09
Stephen Richardson, one person and estate,	00 06 07
Theophilus Richardson, two persons and estate,	00 11 02
Isaac Richardson, one person and estate,	00 06 09½
Nathaniel Richardson, one person and estate,	00
Robert Eames, estate,	00 05 04
Thomas Hall, person and estate,	00 03 04
Henry Tottingham, three persons and estate,	00 12 00
Joseph Richardson, two persons and estate,	00 09 00
James Thompson, Jr., one person and estate,	00 04 00
Bartholomew Pearson, one person and estate,	00 10 01
John Richardson, person and estate,	00 02 06
Richard Snow, estate,	00 04 00
William Butters, one person and estate,	00 02 10
John Wilson, Sen., person and estate,	00 05 03½
Joseph Carter, Sen., person and estate,	00 03 04
John Farrar, two persons and estate,	00 06 03½
Joseph Carter, Jr., person and estate,	00 03 11
John Cragin, person and estate,	00 02 00
Samuel Snow, person and estate,	00 04 00
John Wilson, Jr., person and estate,	00 03 10
Moses Cleveland, three persons and estate,	00 08 05
Matthew Smith, one person and estate,	00 03 04
Zachariah Converse, one person and estate,	00 04 05
John Glazier, one person and estate,	00 03 08
Henry Summers, Sen., person and estate,	00 04 10
Henry Summers, Jr., person and estate,	00 05 11
Michael Lepingwell, two persons and estate,	00 06 08
John Russell, Sen., one person and estate,	00 04 00
John Russell, Jr., three persons and estate,	00 08 06

Thomas Pierce, Jr., person and estate,	00 04 04
Edward Winn, person and estate,	00 04 00
Increase Winn, person and estate,	00 02 08
Allen Converse, two persons and estate,	00 08 06
John Wright, two persons and estate,	00 07 00
William Green, person and estate,	00 02 00
John Seers, estate,	00 04 10
James Fowle, two persons and estate,	00 06 09
Samuel Walker, Sen., person and estate,	00 03 03
[56*]. Israel Walker, one person and estate,	00 04 09
John Walker, one person and estate,	00 02 02
Wm Cole, estate,	00 01 03
Gershom Flagg, two persons and estate,	00 06 07
Hopestill Foster, two persons and estate,	00 05 05
Abraham Jaquith, Sen., two persons and estate,	00 06 07
Abraham Jaquith, person and estate,	00 02 06
John Tidd, two persons and estate,	00 08 02
Jonathan Thompson, person and estate,	00 04 00
John Mousall, one person and estate,	00 10 06
John Brooks, two persons and estate,	00 13 00
John Burbeen, one person and estate,	00 03 00
James Thompson, Sen., estate and person,	00 02 04
Henry Brooks, one person and estate,	00 05 09
John Pierce, one person and estate,	00 05 06
Sergeant Henry Baldwin, one person and estate,	00 05 10
John Baker, one person and estate,	00 04 10
John Snow, one person and estate,	00 06 00
James Snow, one person and estate,	00 02 06
John Wyman, Jr., one person and estate,	00 05 05
Michael Bacon, one person and estate,	00 07 10
Thomas Henshaw, person and estate,	00 01 08
Ralph Reed, two persons and estate,	00 08 03
Robert Pierce, person and estate,	00 05 04
Joseph Knight, two persons and estate,	00 07 05
Widow Simonds, estate,	00 02 02
Caleb Simonds, person and estate,	00 04 00
William Clarke, two persons and estate,	00 06 01
Michael Knight, estate,	00 01 06
John Johnson, two persons and estate,	00 06 02
Isaac Brooks, person and estate,	00 06 06
William Locke, one person and estate,	00 06 07
Samuel Blogget, person and estate,	00 07 05
Thomas Kendall, person and estate,	00 03 00
Francis Kendall, person and estate,	00 09 00
John Kendall, person and estate,	00 04 11
Samuel Carter, person and estate,	00 05 08
George Brush, person and estate,	00 05 11
Joseph Winn, person and estate,	00 04 09
Joseph Wright, person and estate,	00 05 09
George Reed, person and estate,	00 08 04
Samuel Walker, Jr., person and estate,	00 07 08
Israel Reed, person and estate,	00 03 09
Ephraim Buck, person and estate,	00 04 02
Joseph Pierce, person and estate,	00 03 01
Joseph Knight, person and estate,	00 02 05
John Maloney, person and estate,	00 01 09
Mistress Susanna Johnson, estate,	00 01 00
Joseph Simonds, person and estate,	00 02 01
William Dean, person and estate,	00 02 11
George Polly, person and estate,	00 07 00
Zachariah Fowle, person,	00 01 08
John Polly, person,	00 01 03
Francis Wyman, for his farm,	00 04 00
and for his house and estate in town,	00 08 11
John Wyman, for his farm,	00 04 00
and for his house and estate in town,	00 06 09

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[57*] [Dec. 1, 1674.] The selectmen met, the first of December, 1674, and warned George Polly to appear before them, for entertaining inmates, who accordingly came, and gave answer that he would entertain them, for all the townsmen; and that the woman should not go out of town, for any of them.

The selectmen, considering George Polly's answer; and also the town order; and what inconveniency might happen to the town by it; they granted distress on George Polly's estate, to the value of eight shillings.

George Polly coming and acknowledging his false charges laid upon the selectmen, and promising that he would clear the town of the foresaid inmates, by the next second day, at night, the constable was ordered to respite his distress; but in case the said Polly did not go on to perform his promise, then the constable was to go on to levy the eight shillings for the town's use.

[Dec. 7, 1674.] The selectmen met, and agreed with Gershom Flagg, for all Edward Iron's right of lands, wood and timber, swamps, herbage, and all privileges that are, or shall be laid out to Edward Iron, according to his proper right, as any other inhabitant has; and the said Gershom Flagg doth promise to pay the town, six pounds, forty shillings, a year, for three years, in specie, suitable for the maintenance of Edward Iron, namely; wood, corn, and clothing.

And the selectmen promise to give the said Gershom Flagg, a deed, full of the said lands, for his proper inheritance.

JOHN CARTER.
WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JAMES CONVERSE.
FRANCIS KENDALL.
FRANCIS WYMAN.

[The sale of Edward Iron's lands to Gershom Flagg.] I, Gershom Flagg, do engage to pay the sum of six pound, with the same specie, as is expressed; witness my hand,
Dec. 7, '74.

GERSHOM FLAGG.

[Nov. 16, 1674.] At a general meeting of the inhabitants, it was voted, that the meadow which Joseph Carter, Sen., layeth claim to, on the other side of Maple Meadow Bridge, being about seven or eight acres, shall be divided in halves; and Joseph Carter to choose half; but if he will go to law for the whole, then the town will not yield he shall have above his grant of two acres of swamp.

[Jan. 4, 1675. Farrar's highway.] The selectmen met, and laid out a

highway beyond John Farrar's, which is marked on the north side of the path, beginning at John Wyman's fence at a black oak, and then to other trees that are marked amongst the swamp, to a maple that is the bounds of John Farrar's swamp; and all the land southward of this marked line to the proprieties, is allowed for a highway; and it is lawful for any inhabitant to cut wood off this highway, provided that none have liberty to cut any of those trees reserved for highway use and shade, on the penalty of paying five shillings a tree, for every tree any person shall fell or take away; and the constable is appointed to mark thirty trees of the likeliest for timber forthwith.

[New Bridge highway.] At the same time the selectmen agreed that the highway from Dunham's lot to New Bridge, shall lie ten pole wide; and John Wyman, John Seers, and Henry Baldwin are desired to mark it out of that width, [58*] and upon this highway, the constable is forthwith to mark forty of the likeliest trees for timber, and if any person shall fell or carry off any of these trees, they shall pay five shillings a tree, for the town's use; and any inhabitant hath liberty to fell and carry off any other timber, or wood, from within the bounds of this highway.

[Feb. 5, 1675. The return of a tract of land exchanged with Samuel Walker.] Whereas, there was a committee appointed the general meeting, held the 27th of Feb., 1672, which was Francis Kendall, Michael Bacon and Joseph Wright, who were empowered to see that the piece of land, propounded by Samuel Walker, Jr., in exchange for land of his, lying next the Common,—this piece of land the said committee hath laid out, being bounded southwest and northwest by two highways. running on the northwest side to a piece of meadow, turning eastward to a little birch, then turned southward to a little oak, and along the bottom of the Pine Hill to a stump in a little gutter; by estimation eight acres; the half acre Israel Walker's house stands on being part; and those persons concerned in the timber, are all willing to the exchange.

The piece of land given in exchange for this, is a tract lying southward of Israel Walker's, bounded by Francis Kendall southeast. and to the Common north east, to Samuel Walker's land south west; being near fourteen acres.

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[Joseph Carter, Jr's, meadow at Maple Meadow.] Whereas, there was complaint made that Joseph Carter, Jr., did lay claim to more meadow on the south side of Maple Meadow River, than was his right, the selectmen went thither, and having those there that did in part know the grants, and what marked trees they found, they stated his bounds, which upstream begin at a pine tree marked near a swamp that entereth into the meadow from the plain; and the bounds down stream is at a little maple by the river side, and from thence toward the upland to a pine tree, and from thence turning upstream to another pine, by the upland side, leaving out a parcel of swamp between the meadow and upland at the lower end of it.

[Henry Brooks's, John Brooks's, John Mousall's and James Thompson's Swamp.] Henry Brooks, John Brooks, John Mousall and James Thompson received their proportions of swamp (which they were to have on the other side Maple Meadow River, between that and Billerica line) in a swamp near Reading line, being in their own eighth, and bounded according to order, and laid out.

[Matthew Johnson's Swamp.] Matthew Johnson, also, received his proportion of swamp in a little swamp on the rocks westward of his dwelling-house, being bounded and laid out according to order, by estimation six acres.

59 [59*] [Feb. 23, 1675.] The inhabitants met for choice of officers for the year 1675.

SELECTMEN:—For selectmen were chosen, Capt. John Carter, Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign Converse, Francis Kendall, Francis Wyman.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS:—John Wyman, Edward Winn, Sergeant Matthew Johnson, Joseph Richardson, John Tidd.

SURVEYORS OF FENCES:—William Locke, Joseph Wright, John Russell, Isaac Richardson, Joseph Winn.

FOR CONSTABLES:—John Richardson, Jonathan Thompson.

FOR COMMISSIONER TO JOIN WITH THE SELECTMEN TO MAKE THE RATE:—Josiah Converse.

FOR SEALER OF LEATHER:—John Russell.

FOR SEALER OF MEASURES:—Increase Winn.

FOR TO LOOK AFTER THE SWINE:—Isaac Brooks.

And for men to assist him in his office—Sergeant James Converse, Samuel Snow, Israel Walker.

FOR DEPUTY:—Mr. Humphrey Davie was chosen deputy for the whole year 1675.

[An order about swine] Whereas, there was an order about swine made the 27th of Feb., 1671, wherein all swine, going on the town common, are to be yoked and ringed, from the first of April to the tenth of December, the inhabitants, on this day, have altered the time, and declare that all swine going at liberty, not being shut up within an enclosure, shall be sufficiently yoked and ringed, from the tenth day of March, to the tenth day of November; the yokes to be square, and for the bigger sort of swine, to be, at the least, eighteen inches long; and all other sorts of yokes to be accounted as no yokes; and shall any swine be found, as aforesaid, not being sufficiently shut up, without either yokes or rings, the owners shall be liable to pay for the use of the town, twelve pence for want of a ring, and twelve pence for want of a yoke; and if those that are appointed to look after the swine, shall find any that will not be owned, being trespassers, as aforesaid, they shall drive them to pound, and have sixpence a head for their labor; and whereas, there is much damage done in our meadows by swine going without yokes and rings, and the inhabitants not well able to fence them, it is therefore ordered, that all swine, being taken in meadows without yokes and rings, or either of them, though the meadows be not fenced, the owners shall pay the penalty aforesaid, and also double damage to the owner of the meadow; and shall any swine be taken in any pastures or cornfields, trespassing without yokes and rings, or either of them, and the cornfield or enclosure being judged by the surveyors of fences to be sufficiently fenced, then the owners of the swine shall pay for want of yokes and rings, as aforesaid, and double damage to the party wronged; and shall any swine be found trespassers, as aforesaid, whether not being according to order, or doing damage, then the swine, being impounded, shall be proceeded with according to law, either sold by an outcry, or appraised, if no

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owner appear; that so the swine themselves may answer the damage.

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[60*] [Feb. 23, 1675. The smith's house plot.] James Stokes was admitted an inhabitant of this town, and had granted a piece of land on the south side of Mount Sear, being bounded and laid out, which piece of land is given to the said James Stokes, provided he stay in the town and follow his trade seven years.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—This Mount Sear is the rocky elevation near the Central House (442 Main Street) extending in rear of Nos. 448 to 478 Main street; or from the building formerly occupied by the Independent Baptist church, to Thomas Salmon's present store. The height was probably named by the fathers, from the *Mount Seir* of scripture, described as the "shaggy," from the rough aspect of the mount. The usual description of the mount of scripture, shows the appropriateness of the appellation in this instance: The sharp and serrated ridges, the jagged rocks and cliffs, the straggling bushes and stunted trees; this is the present appearance of the Woburn height, and it presented, doubtless, a similar appearance in colonial days. The brick powder-house on its summit is a relic of the times of the War of 1812, and is a recent structure compared with the smith's shop of 1675, whose site was at the base of the height on the Main Street side. It is intended to say more on this subject at a later time.]

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John Wyman was granted a little piece of land, to run his fence straight, at the east end of his home lot by Joseph Carter's.

Joseph Carter was granted half an acre of land, between his barn and the swamp, and no more, that his barn may be preserved from fire.

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Samuel Walker and Edward Winn have liberty to set their fence on the common land, so far as it may stand on dry ground, provided their neighbors see it meet, and show them how far they shall come.

Thomas Pierce is granted to set out his fence by his house, so far as to range even with the other fence, it not exceeding three or four feet.

Richard Gardner is granted a parcel of land at the end of his swamp by Simple Bridge, to the value of an acre and half, provided, he surrender up one pole in breadth amongst the line that divides between Capt. Carter and him, for the use of a highway from Mr. Symmes' land to the highway leading to Charlestown.

[The grant of one hundred acres to twenty men.] There was granted to James Converse, Jr., Samuel Snow, Henry Summers, Jr., Thomas Pierce, Jr., Israel Walker, James Thompson, Jr., John Kendall, Ephraim Buck, Zachariah Converse, James Snow, Abraham Jaquith, Jr., Nathaniel Richardson, Stephen Richardson, Joseph Knight, Jr., Israel Reed, William Butters, Gershom Flagg, John Walker, John Wyman, Jr., and Thomas Kendall added to them, to these twenty persons, was granted the value of one hundred acres on the other side of Maple Meadow River, to begin at the west side of Hopestill Foster's timber-land and up stream, not taking in the make meadow on the river, which hundred acres is to be divided amongst them, and to remain to them and their heirs, provided they stay in the town seven years after this grant; but shall any of them remove out of the town within the seven years, the land belonging or given to that person, shall return to the town again; and, therefore, if any sell, to sell it conditionally.

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[Apr. 12, 1675. The fence at Hungary Plain Field proportioned.] The selectmen met at Hungary Plain Field, and upon complaint of the greatest part of proprietors, the said selectmen measured the bounds of said field, and measured out to every one of the proprietors his portion of fence, and marked each end of every parcel with the letters of their names; the first man that beginneth at New Bridge is Sergeant Baldwin, whose fence is one hundred and twelve pole and one half; the next man is James Snow, whose portion is seven pole and one half; the next man is Michael Lepingwell, his part of fence is forty-one and one quarter; the next man is John Snow, his part is one hundred and sixteen and a quarter; the next man is Samuel Snow, his part is fifty-three and a half; the next man is Thomas Pratt, his part is thirty-seven and a half; the next man is John Cutler, his part is one hundred and twelve and half; the next man is John Seers, his part is one hundred thirty one pole and a quarter; the next man is John Wright, his part is one hundred and twelve pole and one half; the next man is Abraham Jaquith, his part is seventy-one pole and a quarter; the next man is Henry Tottingham, his part is four pole; there is 160 pole of Swamp [61*] which is judged at present to be a sufficient fence, and if it come in time to fail, then every proprietor is to do his just proportion of it.

John Snow doth put 84 pole on the north side the field, and 22 more on the south side. John Cutler's fence is in two parcels on each side of John Seers.

[Selectmen met the 5th of Apr., 1675.] At this meeting, Hopestill Foster did engage to the townsmen, that he would nail the side of his barn sufficiently, so as it may serve for part of the pound fence, which is to stand good for his part of partition fence; and if in case the said Foster remove his barn, then he is to set up a sufficient pound fence, in the room of it, so far as his barn stands against the pound, to which he hath set his hand.

Witness:

JOHN CARTER,
GERSHOM FLAGG.

HOPESTILL FOSTER.

[The selectmen met, the 3rd of May, 1675.] And appointed Thomas Pierce, Jr., and Joseph Carter, Jr., a committee to bound a piece of meadow that Gershom Flagg hath bought of George Polly, which meadow was formerly granted to George Farlow, by the name of a piece of meadow called Boggy Hole, without number of acres.

[A committee about the Wymans' Woodland.] At the same meeting, William Johnson, Ensign Converse, and Francis Kendall were appointed a committee on the eighth day of this month of May, to lay out to Francis and John Wyman, ten acres of woodland, each of them, through Wood Hill, and three acres apiece of swampy meadow, at a place called Lubber's Brook.

At the same meeting, there was a complaint brought to the selectmen about the unruliness of sheep, notwithstanding fences were judged sufficient; upon which the selectmen made this order:

[An order about sheep.] That in case the owners of the sheep were willing to have them kept in a flock, then the selectmen will provide a shepherd; other ways, shall any sheep be found trespassing in any man's corn or enclosures, that are sufficiently fenced against other cattle, according as the order of the town provides, then the owners of the sheep trespassing shall pay double damage.

[Selectmen met the 17th of June, 1675.] Joseph Knight, Jr., was called to account about entertaining inmates contrary to town order, and fined three shillings; he gave bonds, as will appear at large in the day book.

At the same meeting, David Wyman was called before the selectmen for entertaining the Widow Farmer, and fined seven shillings.

William Johnson and Ensign Converse appointed to prefer a petition, and make complaint to the county court, about the Widow Farmer's staying in the town, contrary to the mind of the selectmen, which accordingly was done, and the petition is on file in the county court.

[Wymans' woodland.] Whereas we, William Johnson, James Converse and Francis Kendall were appointed a committee to lay out to Francis Wyman and John Wyman, each of them, ten acres of woodland in Wood Hill, which runneth from side to side, we did it accordingly, and marked the bounds between the town's wood land and theirs; and we also laid out to them three acres apiece at Lubber's Brook, of make meadow: John Wyman's in the first place, beginning at Billerica line and down stream to a white oak on the north side the brook, and a stake on the east side next his is Francis Wyman's three acres, which is to a pine tree on the east side with his name, and through the swamp to a white oak, which is the head corner; we also by order laid out next three acres to Michael Bacon, which goeth through the swamp so far as Francis Wyman's head corner, and no farther, and is cornered by a pine tree in the swamp, and marked all amongst the east side.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,
FRANCIS KENDALL,
JAMES CONVERSE.

Gershom Flagg was appointed pound keeper for the year 1675, and to have the fees formerly granted.

[63*] [The selectmen met the 5th of July, 1675.] Samuel Walker, Sen., had the approbation of the selectmen to keep [an] ordinary, and had liberty given him to get a license.

[The selectmen met the 23rd of Aug., '75.] The selectmen meet and commissioner, and collected of their several inhabitants, a rate for the country in the town of Woburn.

	[£. s. d.]
<i>Imprimis</i> , Capt. Carter, 4 persons and estate,	000 16 08
Richard Gardner estate,	000 04 08
John Green, one person and estate,	000 03 05
William Johnson, 3 persons and estate,	000 16 10
Matthew Johnson, 1 person and estate,	000 09 08
Ensign James Converse, 3 persons and estate,	000 12 10
Deacon Josiah Converse, person and estate,	000 09 02
John Sheldon, person and estate,	000 07 01
James Converse, Jr., person and estate,	000 06 09
Thomas Pierce, Sen., 3 persons and estate,	000 11 00
Caleb Farlow, person and estate,	000 04 10
Samuel Richardson, person and estate,	000 05 03
Stephen Richardson, person and estate,	000 04 11
Widow Richardson, person and estate,	000 08 10
Isaac Richardson, person and estate,	000 05 01
Nathaniel Richardson, person and estate,	000 03 04
Robert Eames, his estate,	000 05 05
Thomas Hall, person and estate,	000 02 10
Henry Tottingham, 3 persons and estate,	000 11 03
Joseph Richardson, person and estate,	000 05 09
James Thompson, Jr., person and estate,	000 04 06
Bartholomew Pearson, and John Richardson, persons and estates,	000 10 09
Richard Snow, his estate and one person,	000 04 02
William Butters, person and estate,	000 02 06
John Wilson, Sen., two persons and estate,	000 07 04
John Wilson, Jr., person and estate,	000 02 08
Joseph Carter, Sen., 1 person and estate,	000 03 03
Joseph Carter, Jr., 2 persons and estate,	000 05 06
John Farrar, 2 persons and estate,	000 05 07
John Cragin, person and estate,	000 02 03
Samuel Snow, person and estate,	000 04 02
Moses Cleveland, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	000 05 11
Moses Cleveland, Jr., person and estate,	000 02 06
Zachariah Converse, person and estate,	000 04 01
John Glazier, person and estate,	000 03 08
Henry Summers, Sen., person and estate,	000 04 04
Henry Summers, Jr., person and estate,	000 04 04
Michael Lepingwell, person and estate,	000 04 00
Thomas Lepingwell, person and estate,	000 02 06
John Russell, Sen., person and estate,	000 03 01
John Russell, Jr., 3 persons and estate,	000 07 10
Thomas Pierce, Jr., person and estate,	000 03 09
Edward Winn, person and estate,	000 02 11
Increase Winn, person and estate,	000 03 00
Allen Converse, 2 persons and estate,	000 07 06
John Wright, 2 persons and estate,	000 06 08
William Green, person and estate,	000 02 04
John Seers, his estate,	000 05 05
James Fowle, 2 persons and estate,	000 06 04
Samuel Walker, Sen., person and estate,	000 03 06
Israel Walker, his person and estate,	000 04 05

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John Walker, person and estate,	000	02	08
Gershom Flagg, 2 persons and estate,	000	06	05
Hopestill Foster, 2 persons and estate,	000	05	01
Abraham Jaquith, Sen., two persons and estate,	000	06	04
Abraham Jaquith, Jr., person and estate,	000	02	05
John Tidd, 2 persons and estate,	000	03	05
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[62*]. Jonathan Thompson, person and estate,	000	05	08
John Mousall, 3 persons and estate,	000	12	05
John Brooks, 2 persons and estate,	000	11	04
John Burbeen, person and estate,	000	02	06
James Thompson, Sen., person and estate,	000	02	00
Henry Brooks, person and estate,	000	04	09
John Pierce, person and estate,	000	04	10
Henry Baldwin, two persons and estate,	000	09	00
John Baker, two persons and estate,	000	06	09
John Snow, person and estate,	000	03	08
James Snow, person and estate,	000	03	00
Michael Bacon, person and estate,	000	06	04
Ralph Reed, two persons and estate,	000	07	06
Robert Pierce, person and estate,	000	05	04
Joseph Knight, Sen., two persons and estate,	000	07	06
Widow Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	11
William Clarke, person and estate,	000	04	11
John Johnson, two persons and estate,	000	04	11
Isaac Brooks, person and estate,	000	06	00
William Locke, 2 persons and estate,	000	08	03
John Wyman, Jr., person and estate,	000	04	08
Samuel Blogget, two persons and estate,	000	09	01
Thomas Kendall, person and estate,	000	03	02
Francis Kendall, two persons and estate,	000	09	00
John Kendall, person and estate,	000	04	06
Samuel Carter, person and estate,	000	05	08
George Brush, person and estate,	000	05	03
Samuel Walker, Jr., person and estate,	000	07	00
Israel Reed, person and estate,	000	04	04
Ephraim Buck, person and estate,	000	03	10
Joseph Pierce, person and estate,	000	03	04
John Maloney, person and estate,	000	01	10
Mistress Susanna Johnson, her estate,	000	01	00
Joseph Simonds, person and estate,	000	02	06
William Dean, person and estate,	000	02	03
George Polly, two persons and estate,	000	05	08
Francis Wyman, Sen., person and estate at farm,	000	03	11
Francis Wyman, Jr., person and estate,	000	05	00
John Wyman, Sen., persons and estate,	000	08	10
David Wyman, persons and estate,	000	05	00
Francis Wyman at Woburn,	000	04	01
Caleb Simonds, person and estate,	000	02	11
Joseph Winn, person and estate,	000	05	11
Joseph Wright, person and estate,	000	05	01
George Reed, person and estate,	000	07	09
Joseph Knight, Jr., person and estate,	000	02	04
Richard Nevers, person and estate,	000	01	08
John Priest, person,	000	01	08
Timothy Carter, person,	000	01	08
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64: [64*] [The selectmen met the 4th of May, '75.] The 4th of May, 1675, and ordered, that the constables should gather the foregoing rate of every inhabitant twice over, and demand of the old troopers two shillings, and a penny, upon each rate, as the court hath ordered; also, that they demand and gather of every person, one fourth part of a single rate, for to provide ammunition with for a town's stock, and to demand of every old trooper, sixpence farthing more, than what is set down in the said rate.

They also reckoned with Gershom Flagg, constable in the year 1674, and all accounts cleared between the town and him, and the town remains debtor the sum, £03, 16s, 06d; he received 7s. of David Wyman, in silver, which he since hath paid to the selectmen's order.

[Sept. 4, '75.] The selectmen agreed with Gershom Flagg to find Edward Iron's firewood sufficient for him, and he is to be allowed thirty shillings out of the forty shillings he is to pay the town yearly for Iron's land, and his time to begin from the day of the date here of.

[Constables creditor.]

John Richardson and Jonathan Thompson, constables in the year 1675, creditor by a receipt brought from the treasurer, bearing date the 30th of Oct., 1675, the sum of sixty pounds and four shillings.

£ s. d.
060 04 00

Also paid to the captain of the ammunition rate, the just sum of

006 02 06

066 06 06

There is Capt. Carter's rate, Richard Gardner's, William Johnson's, Matthew Johnson's Ensign Converse's, Francis Kendall's, Samuel Walker, Sen's., John Walker's and John Johnson's rates, which all amount to sixteen pounds, eight and sixpence,

016 03 06

The constables are to have credit for it, and the several persons named to give an account.

[Jonathan Thompson, Constable's payments.]

Paid by Jonathan Thompson, as appeareth by the day book, in silver and debentures, the full sum of all advanced,

£ s. d.
067 19 02

Paid by disbursements to several persons, as appeareth particularly in the day book,

019 10 02

Paid to Mr. Russell and William Johnson, as appeareth in the day book, the full sum of—

011 17 07

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[John Richardson's pay-ments.]

Paid unto the treasurer by John Richardson, constable, in silver and debentures, all advanced, the full sum of

[£ s. d.]
068 16 03

Paid more by shoes and barley to the treasurer, the sum

008 11 06

Paid by several persons on the account of disbursements, as appears particularly in the day book,

016 18 07

More paid by John Wyman's debenture; Francis Wyman, John Seers and Joseph Winn. out of all their debentures set off, as appears particular in the day book,

007 07 08

More paid by five troopers, old troopers,

001 05 00

More paid by the new troopers, being 2s., and a penny apiece, 12 men,

001 05 00

[Note.—The "old troopers" and "new troopers" is a distinction in the records between the members of an "old troop" of colonial cavalry, and a new one recently raised for the purposes of the existing war.—See the *Colony Records*. For an account of Woburn's experience in this war, styled Philip's War, which was an important public event of this period, see Sewall's *Woburn*, chap. iv.]

More paid by Henry Tottingham's rate on his disbursements,

002 05 00

More by both the constables to the county treasurer, the sum of

006 09 00

More paid by Jonathan Thompson, in oats and otherways,

001 05 08

More paid by Jonathan Thompson, in silver advanced,

002 06 08

More paid by Joseph Wright, in his debenture,

001 07 07

More paid by George Polly in a bill,

003 00 00

More paid by a gift to the constables,

003 00 00

302 19 10

There is four pounds, eight and 9 pence, on the balance which John Richardson is not able to give an account of, he saying that he hath paid all that is received, and the selectmen fearing that he might suffer loss by the treasurer's clerk [clerk] do acquit him of his accounts,

004 08 03

307 08 07

[£. s. d.]

[65*]. [Constables debtor.] By two rates given the constables to gather, in (75) and the four old troopers, persons and horses, added, amounts to

060 19 10

By a quarter rate for ammunition, the sum of

007 06 11

68 06 09

[Rates for the INDIAN WAR.] The 23rd of Nov., 1675, the selectmen meet and levied a rate on the inhabitants for the charge of the Indian war, which amounteth to the full sum of

120 00 04

[The selectmen met the 18th of Jan. '76], and collected another rate for the Indian war, amounting to

119 01 06

307 08 07

[The 29th of Feb.. 1676.] The inhabitants met and chose officers for the year 1676, to order prudential affairs of the town of Woburn.

SELECTMEN.—Capt. John Carter, Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson.

CONSTABLES.—John Seers, Henry Summers. SURVEYORS OF FENCES.—Joseph Wright, William Locke, John Russell, Isaac Richardson, Joseph Winn.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS.—Edward Winn, John Wyman, Matthew Johnson, John Tidd, Joseph Richardson.

DEPUTIES FOR THE GENERAL COURT THE WHOLE YEAR 1676.—Mr. Humphrey Davie, Lieut. William Johnson.

SEALERS: FOR LEATHER—John Russell; FOR MEASURES—Increase Winn.

TO LOOK AFTER THE SWINE.—William Clarke was chosen, and Israel Walker and Israel Reed to assist him.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE.—Deacon Josiah Converse.

John Russell, Sen., being dead, James Fowle and his son John were chosen sealers by the selectmen, 9th of June, 1676.

[The 9th of June, 1676.] The selectmen met, and ordered Gershom Flagg to get another half bushel in the lieu of that he spoiled, it being the town's standard, and get it plated and sealed forthwith.

[Seat for boys.] At the same meeting, the selectmen appointed the two long seats under the window in the meeting house, for the boys, and other persons are prohibited sitting in the said seats, on the forfeiture of two shillings and sixpence a time.

[Hire of Common Meadows.] The common meadow on the other side Maple Meadow River is let again to Increase Winn and Thomas Pierce, they paying four shillings for it.

Also the common meadow on this side Maple Meadow River is let to John Walker, he allowing three shillings which his father promiseth to pay.

[Tithingmen.] At the same meeting, the tithingmen were chosen, who by law are to have the oversight of their neighbors, and see that they keep good order in their houses; who are Deacon Josiah Converse, Sergeant Matthew Johnson, Francis Kendall, Robert Pierce, Henry Baldwin, John Russell, Joseph Wright, and Joseph Richardson, and Allen Converse.

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[66*] [A WAR RATE.] A country rate, made the 14th of June, 1676, being a single rate ten times doubled.

	[£. s. d.]
Capt. John Carter, 3 persons and estate,	08 16 08
Richard Gardner, his estate,	03 00 00
John Green, 1 person and estate,	01 15 10
William Johnson, 4 persons and estate,	09 03 04
Matthew Johnson, 1 person and estate,	04 11 08
James Converse, Jr., 1 person and estate,	02 10 00
Thomas Pierce, Sen., 4 persons and estate,	05 17 06
Caleb Farlow, 1 person and estate,	01 13 04
Ensign James Converse, 3 persons and estate,	06 07 06
Deacon Josiah Converse, 2 persons and estate,	05 11 08
John Sheldon, 3 persons and estate,	04 17 06
Samuel Richardson, 1 person and estate,	03 04 02
Stephen Richardson, 1 person and estate,	03 02 06
Widow Richardson, 1 person and estate,	04 06 08
Isaac Richardson, 1 person and estate,	02 11 08
Nathaniel Richardson, 1 person and estate,	02 01 03
Robert Eames, 1 person and estate,	04 13 04
Thomas Hall, 1 person and estate,	01 05 10
Henry Tottingham, 3 persons and estate,	05 07 06
Joseph Richardson, 1 person and estate,	03 09 02
James Thompson, Jr., 1 person and estate,	02 05 00
Bartholomew Pearson, 1 person and estate,	08 08 04
John Richardson, 2 persons and estate,	02 00 10
Richard Snow, 1 person and estate,	02 00 10
William Butters, 1 person and estate,	01 03 04
John Wilson, Sen., 1 person and estate,	02 06 08
John Farrar, 2 persons and estate,	02 05 10
John Cragin, 1 person and estate,	01 03 04
Samuel Snow, 1 person and estate,	02 03 04
John Wilson, Jr., 1 person and estate,	01 11 08
Moses Cleveland, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	03 05 00
Moses Cleveland, Jr., 1 person and estate,	01 02 06
Zachariah Converse, 1 person and estate,	02 06 08
John Glazier, 1 person and estate,	02 01 08
Henry Summers, 1 person and estate,	02 16 08
Michael Lepingwell, person and estate,	02 06 08
Thomas Lepingwell, 1 person and estate,	01 10 00
John Russell, two persons and estate,	03 06 00
Thomas Pierce, Jr., 1 person and estate,	02 06 08
Edward Winn, 1 person and estate,	01 13 04
Increase Winn, 1 person and estate,	01 08 04
Allen Converse, two persons and estate,	03 19 02
John Wright, 1 person and estate,	02 11 08
William Green, 1 person and estate,	01 00 00
John Seers, 1 person and estate,	03 13 04
James Fowle, 3 persons and estate,	04 05 10
Samuel Walker, Sen., 1 person and estate,	02 00 00
Israel Walker, 1 person and estate,	02 05 00
John Walker, 1 person and estate,	01 00 00
Gershom Flagg, 1 person and estate,	03 03 04
Hopestill Foster, 1 person and estate,	01 17 06
Abraham Jaquith, Sen., two persons and estate,	03 05 10
Abraham Jaquith, Jr., 1 person and estate,	01 05 00
[67*] John Tidd, Sen., 1 person and estate,	03 09 10
Jonathan Thompson, 2 persons and estate,	03 17 06
John Mousall, 3 persons and estate,	06 10 00
James Butler, 1 person and estate,	00 19 00
John Houghton, 1 person and estate,	01 03 04
Widow Russell, her estate,	00 12 06
John Wright, Jr., his estate,	00 10 10
John Tidd, Jr., 1 person and estate,	01 05 00
James Thompson, Sen., his estate,	00 02 06
John Brooks, 1 person and estate,	04 11 08
John Burbeen, his person,	00 16 08
Henry Brooks, 1 person and estate,	02 15 10
John Pierce, 1 person and estate,	02 06 08
Henry Baldwin, 1 person and estate,	04 09 02
John Baker, two persons and estate,	03 13 04
John Snow, 1 person and estate,	02 07 06
James Snow, 1 person and estate,	02 00 10
Michael Bacon, 1 person and estate,	03 10 00
Ralph Reed, 2 persons and estate,	03 17 06
Robert Pierce, 1 person and estate,	03 00 00
Joseph Knight, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	03 11 08

Widow Simonds, 1 person and estate,	01 05 10
William Clarke, 1 person and estate,	02 07 06
John Johnson, 2 persons and estate,	02 19 02
Isaac Brooks, 1 person and estate,	02 17 06
William Locke, 2 persons and estate,	04 04 02
Widow Wyman, her estate,	00 11 08
Samuel Blogget, 2 persons and estate,	04 12 06
Thomas Kendall, 1 person and estate,	01 16 08
Francis Kendall, 2 persons and estate,	04 05 00
John Kendall, 1 person and estate,	01 19 02
Samuel Carter, 1 person and estate,	02 10 00
George Brush, 1 person and estate,	02 10 00
Samuel Walker, Jr., 1 person and estate,	04 11 08
Israel Reed, 1 person and estate,	02 00 10
Ephraim Buck, 1 person and estate,	01 15 10
Joseph Pierce, 1 person and estate,	01 12 06
John Maloney, 1 person and estate,	00 16 08
Mistress Johnson, her estate,	00 15 10
Joseph Simonds, 1 person and estate,	01 00 00
Will Dean, 1 person and estate,	01 05 00
George Polly, 2 persons and estate,	03 03 04
Francis Wyman, 4 persons and estate,	09 15 00
John Wyman, 3 persons and estate,	08 18 04
David Wyman, 1 person and estate,	02 05 00
Caleb Simonds, 1 person and estate,	01 19 01
Joseph Winn, 1 person and estate,	02 01 08
Joseph Wright, 1 person and estate,	02 19 02
William Hassell, 1 person and estate,	02 05 00
George Reed, 1 person and estate,	04 13 04
Joseph Knight, Jr., 1 person and estate,	01 00 10
Richard Nevers, 1 person and estate,	00 19 02
Timothy Carter, 1 person and estate,	01 02 06
Eleazer Flagg, 1 person and estate,	00 16 08
Timothy Brooks, 2 persons and estate,	03 01 08
Josiah Clopson, 1 person and estate,	01 00 10
Aaron Cleveland, 2 persons and estate,	01 15 10
[68*] Ephraim Winship, 1 person and estate,	02 05 00
John Polly, 1 person and estate,	00 16 08
James Wallis, 1 person,	00 16 08
Thomas Henshaw, his person,	00 16 08
Benjamin Simonds, 1 person and estate,	01 04 02
Widow Summers, her estate,	01 10 00
Michael Bacon, Jr., 1 person and estate,	01 09 02
Gyles Fifield, his estate,	00 02 06
James Nutting, 1 person and estate,	01 10 00
Mr. William Symmes, his estate,	00 10 00
Joseph Carter, Jr., 1 person and estate,	03 03 00
[The town creditor in '76.]	
By ten single rates, which amount to	[£. s. d.] 325 17 06
By three rates more, which amount to	095 15 00
By three rates more, which amount to	095 15 09
	517 09 00
By an overplus in Mr. Carter's rate, in '75,	006 19 00
By an overplus in Mr. Carter's rate, in '76,	013 02 00
By the hire of common meadows,	000 07 00
Deb.	537 17 00
Cred.	511 09 05
Balance,	026 07 07
More by several particulars, in page 69,	012 01 11
	014 05 08

[69*]. [The town debtor in the year 1676.]

	[£.	s.	d.]
To the treasurer, for ten rates,	259	00	09
To the treasurer, for three rates,	082	14	00
To the treasurer, for three rates more,	082	14	00
To William Johnson, for two barrels of powder, silver advanced,	013	06	08
To deputy's diet, for eleven weeks, silver advanced,	005	02	04
To William Johnson, for his more than ordinary pains,	000	10	00
For silver expended for the war, and to the treasurer, 2 days,	000	10	04
For 3 wolves, in the daybook, to Isaac Brooks,	001	10	00
To Isaac Brooks, for Cutler,	002	16	02
To Matthew Johnson, for trussing the meeting house,	001	10	00
Deducted off William Butters', account, being over-rated,	000	08	00
To Francis Kendall, Samuel Walker, Will Johnson, and James Converse, for beef and mutton for Irons, as in the day book,	002	04	05
To Edward Winn, for tending Irons, and sending him beer, from the first of February, '75, to the same time in '76,	004	01	00
To Henry Summers, for expenses,	001	13	03
To Deacon Converse, and the Ensign, for 4 sills, for Mistick Bridge,	000	12	00
To John Seers, for a shirt, corn and salt for Irons,	000	08	03
To the constables, thirty shillings apiece, in case they end their work,	003	00	00
To William Johnson, for recording,	001	05	00
Paid to John Wyman's debenture and Stephen Richardson's debenture,	017	12	06
To Joseph Winn's debenture, advanced,	000	16	00
To the glazing the meeting house, silver advanced,	001	16	00
To Samuel Walker, for expense,	002	07	02
To a county rate,	009	03	09
To Thomas Pierce, for silver expended at Concord and Cambridge,	000	02	00
To Israel Reed, for carrying the bill of disbursements to Cambridge,	000	01	06
To John Seers, for abatements of rates, in '75,	000	05	00
To John Seers, for 10s. silver, advanced for biscuit,	000	13	04
To the Capt., Lieut., and Ensign, silver expended, advanced,	002	00	00
To Robert Eames, for a bench,	000	02	00
To Samuel Walker, Jr. for beef for Irons,	000	02	06
More for 4 wolves, by James Nutting,	002	10	00
To Henry Baldwin, by a mistake in his rate,	000	10	00
To Gershom Flagg, for cleansing the meeting house,	001	10	00
To John Wilson, Jr., by a mistake in his rate,	000	08	06
To Allen Converse, for schooling,	001	00	00
To Jonathan Thompson, for last year's schooling, and his pains in gathering the rates, the remainder of Mr. Carter's rate, in all,	002	00	00
To James Converse about rates, three days and a horse,	000	08	00
To Francis Kendall, for one wolf,	000	10	00
To Gershom Flagg, for the making good the balance of accounts in '76, and a day and half work,	001	05	06
To James Fowle, for expense last year and this year,	001	17	06
	511	09	05
More in the forgiveness of strangers rates in the 10 and six,	003	17	10
To Richard Snow, by a gift from the town,	002	00	00
To Isaac Brooks, of Jonathan Thompson, for three wolves,	001	10	00
To old Goodman Waters for abatement of rate,	000	04	00
['77 deb.] To Francis Kendall, for beef, 87 pd.,	001	01	09
To Matthew Johnson, for a cushion,	001	09	04
More by boards, for to make a place for the ammunition, 72 feet,	000	04	04
More in silver, to relieve William Butters' wife 2s. ad[vanced],	000	02	00
To Francis Kendall, for Will. Butters' wife, silver,	000	05	00
To the Capt., in silver, for Butters' wife,	000	01	00
To the Capt., paid for malt, paid to James Fowle,	000	08	00
To John Brooks, for beef, 33 pd.,	000	06	04
To Edward Winn, in beef, 11 pd.,	000	01	10
To John Brooks, for cheese,	000	01	06
To Ensign Converse, for labor,	000	03	06
To William Johnson, twice to court, and about rates,	000	05	00
	012	00	00

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[70*] A country rate made the 5th of Sept., 1676.

	[£.	s.	d.]
Capt. John Carter, 8 persons and estate,	000	17	08
Richard Gardner, his estate,	000	06	09
John Green, 1 person and estate,	000	03	07
William Johnson, 4 persons and estate,	000	18	04
Matthew Johnson, one person and estate,	000	09	02
James Converse, one person and estate,	000	06	01
Thomas Pierce, 4 persons and estate,	000	12	02
Caleb Farlow, 1 person and estate,	000	04	01
Ensign James Converse, 3 persons and estate,	000	12	09
Deacon Josiah Converse, 2 persons and estate,	000	11	02
Mr. William Symmes, his estate,	000	01	00
John Sheldon, 3 persons and estate,	000	09	09
Isaac Brooks, his estate and a person,	000	06	00
Samuel Richardson, 1 person and estate,	000	06	08
Stephen Richardson, person and estate,	000	06	09
Widow Richardson, 1 person and estate,	000	08	08
Isaac Richardson, person and estate,	000	05	02
Nathaniel Richardson, person and estate,	000	04	02
Robert Eames, person and estate,	000	02	03
Thomas Hall, person and estate,	000	02	07
Joseph Richardson, person and estate,	000	06	11
John Richardson, person and estate,	000	04	01
James Thompson, Jr., 1 person and estate,	000	04	06
Bartholomew Pearson, person and estate,	000	12	09
Henry Tottingham, 3 persons and estate,	000	10	09
John Brooks, one person and estate,	000	11	05
Henry Brooks, one person and estate,	000	03	04
John Burbeen, one person and estate,	000	02	02
John Mousall, 3 persons and estate,	000	13	00
James Thompson, Sen., his estate,	000	00	03
Jonathan Thompson, two persons and estate,	000	07	04
John Kendall, person and estate,	000	03	11
Joseph Wright, person and estate,	000	04	10
Timothy Carter, person and estate,	000	02	03
William Hassell, person and estate,	000	04	00
Ephraim Buck, person and estate,	000	04	00
Aaron Cleveland, person and estate,	000	03	07
Gershom Flagg, person and estate,	000	09	00
Hopestill Foster, one person and estate,	000	03	09
Abraham Jaquith, Jr., person and estate,	000	02	06
Abraham Jaquith, Sen., two persons and estate,	000	06	07
Samuel Walker, Sen., person and estate,	000	04	05
John Walker, one person and estate,	000	02	00
James Fowle, 3 persons and estate,	000	09	00
John Wright, person and estate,	000	05	02
John Seers, person and estate,	000	06	11
Allen Converse, two persons and estate,	000	07	11
Increase Winn, person and estate,	000	02	10
Edward Winn, person and estate,	000	03	04
Thomas Pierce, Jr., person and estate,	000	04	03
John Russell, two persons and estate,	000	06	06
William Dean, one person and estate,	000	02	06
Thomas Lepingwell, two persons and estate,	000	06	10
	17	03	07

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[71*] Henry Summers, person and estate,	000	05	00
Joseph Knight, 1 person and estate,	000	02	01
William Green, 1 person and estate,	000	02	00
Moses Cleveland, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	000	06	06
Moses Cleveland, Jr., 1 person and estate,	000	02	03
George Polly, two persons and estate,	000	06	04
John Polly, 1 person and estate,	000	01	08
Thomas Henshaw, 1 person and estate,	000	01	08
Joseph Carter, two persons and estate,	000	06	04
Henry Baldwin, one person and estate,	000	08	11
John Pierce, one person and estate,	000	04	04
John Baker, three persons and estate,	000	08	06
William Butters, 1 person and estate,	000	02	07
Zachariah Converse, 1 person and estate,	000	04	08
John Houghton, two persons and estate,	000	02	04
Francis Wyman, 3 persons and estate,	000	17	07
Samuel Snow, one person and estate,	000	04	04
Zachariah Snow, and his father, 1 person and estate,	000	04	01
John Wilson, Sen., person and estate,	000	04	08
John Wilson, Jr., person and estate,	000	03	02
Widow Wyman, her estate,	000	01	08
John Wyman, 3 persons and estate,	000	17	10
John Farrar, two persons and estate,	000	04	07
Joseph Winn, person and estate,	000	04	04
John Johnson, 2 persons and estate,	000	05	11
William Locke, two persons and estate,	000	08	05
Samuel Blogget, two persons and estate,	000	09	03
James Nutting, his person,	000	01	08
Francis Kendall, two persons and estate,	000	08	06
Thomas Kendall, 1 person and estate,	000	03	08
Israel Reed, one person and estate,	000	04	01
Israel Walker, 1 person and estate,	000	04	06
George Reed, one person and estate,	000	07	04
Samuel Walker, 1 person and estate,	000	07	02
George Brush, 1 person and estate,	000	05	00
Samuel Carter, person and estate,	000	05	00
John Glazier, 1 person and estate,	000	03	09
Widow Simonds, 1 person and estate,	000	02	07
Caleb Simonds, 1 person and estate,	000	03	11
Joseph Simonds, 1 person and estate,	000	02	00
Benjamin Simonds, 1 person and estate,	000	02	05
William Clarke, 1 person and estate,	000	04	06
Michael Bacon, 1 person and estate,	000	07	00
Ralph Reed, two persons and estate,	000	08	03
John Tidd, 1 person and estate,	000	06	06
John Tidd, Jr., 1 person and estate,	000	02	04
Robert Pierce, 1 person and estate,	000	05	07
Joseph Knight, Sen., two persons and estate,	000	07	02
John Cragin, 1 person and estate,	000	02	04
David Wyman, 1 person and estate,	000	04	06
Edward Farmer, two persons and estate,	000	00	00
James Butler, 1 person and estate,	000	01	11
Josiah Clopson, 1 person and estate,	000	02	01
Richard Neviers, 1 person and estate,	000	01	08
Mistress Johnson, her estate,	000	01	07
Widow Russell, her estate,	000	01	03
James Wallis, 1 person and estate,	000	01	08
Mrs. Fifeid, her estate,	000	00	03
Ephraim Winship, 1 person and estate,	000	04	05
	013	15	07
	£	s.	d.
total	31	19	02

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[72*] [The selectmen met, the 1st of Jan., '77.] At this meeting, Sergeant Thomas Pierce came and claimed a grant of swamp to the value of five acres, half of it being formerly laid out in the swamp behind John Russell's, and John Wright having the like grant, and half laid out next Thomas Pierce's in the same swamp, John Wright being present with the selectmen, did give up his two acres and half to Thomas Pierce, and is to have five acres in the swamp next his own land in Hungary Plain, laid out with the first opportunity.

The 27th of Feb., 1677, was a general meeting for choice of officers.

SELECTMEN:—Capt. John Carter, William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson.

CONSTABLES:—John Tidd, John Burbeen.

DEPUTIES:—Mr. Humphrey Davie, Lieut. William Johnson.

SURVEYORS:—Matthew Johnson, John Wyman, Will Clarke, Edward Winn, Joseph Richardson.

A MAN FOR TO LOOK AFTER SWINE.—Gershom Flagg.

To assist:—Thomas Pierce, Moses Cleveland, Jr.

SURVEYORS FOR FENCES:—William Locke, John Russell, Isaac Richardson, Joseph Winn.

SEALERS OF LEATHER:—James Fowle, John Russell.

FOR MEASURES:—Increase Winn.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE RATE:—James Converse.

[The Wyman's 12 acres of meadow laid out on Lubber's Brook.] The 17th of Jan., 1678, the selectmen went and laid out twelve acres of make-meadow granted formerly to Francis and John Wyman on Lubber's Brook, the said make-meadow was laid out according to grant, the bounds marked on either side the brook, it lying from Billerica old line to a bridge, that is twenty-six poles below Reading old line or thereabouts.

[73*] [Feb. 27, 1677. William Pierce's grant.] William Pierce was granted a piece of land by Allen Converse's old sawpit, to set a dwelling house and a smith's shop on; provided he sell it not, but live in it himself.

John Wright, Allen Converse, and Edward Winn and John Seers are appointed a committee to take a view of the place, and make return to the selectmen of the conveniences and inconveniences of the place.

[Aaron Cleveland and Nathaniel Pierce grant.] Aaron Cleveland and Nathaniel Pierce are granted, either of them, a piece of land upon Lakin's Hill, for either of them a dwelling house and shop, with what convenience may be, it not wronging the highway: and Francis Wyman, Joseph Carter, and John Pierce are chosen a committee to view the place, and make return to the selectmen, who are to lay it out, provided, they sell it not, but build and live on it themselves.

[Moses Cleveland's grant.] Moses Cleveland, Jr., is granted a piece of land by the old wolf pen, to the value of half an acre, to set a dwelling house on, it to be laid out by the selectmen.

[Samuel Blogget's grant at Frog Hole.] Samuel Blogget is granted a parcel of land at Frog Hole, about an acre and half, it to be laid out by the selectmen.

[John Pierce's, Allen Converse's, Thomas Pierce's grant.] John Pierce, Allen Converse and Thomas Pierce are granted, either of them to remove their fence at Boggy Meadow, so far as the selectmen judge meet, the land to be their own.

[Matthew Johnson's grant.] Matthew Johnson is granted a parcel of land upon the Rocks above his house, provided, he surrender up as much at Wood Bridge, to be laid out by the selectmen.

[Joseph Richardson's grant.] Joseph Richardson is granted about two acres at Farley Meadow, provided, he surrender up as much at another place, to be laid out by the selectmen.

[Allen Converse's grant.] Allen Converse is granted a parcel of land by Step Rock, to accommodate the fencing of his meadow.

[Isaac Richardson's grant.] Also, Isaac Richardson is granted the like at Mount Discovery, both to be laid out by the selectmen.

[Isaac Brooks' grant.] Isaac Brooks is granted a parcel of land at Shred Pine, to accommodate the fencing of his meadow, to be laid out by the selectmen.

[Samuel Reed's grant.] Samuel Reed is granted that piece of land, that was formerly given to Stokes the smith, provided he improve it to follow his trade seven years.

[William Dean's grant.] William Dean is granted a piece of land before his house plot, to be laid out by the selectmen.

[The gallery grant.] The young men are granted liberty to build a gallery on the east side [of the meeting-house] provided they shall not dispose the seat to any other: but if they be removed by death, or other ways, the seats shall return to the town dispose, and all other seats are to be the town's accordingly.

[74*] The selectmen met, the 5th of Mar. 1676-7, and appointed Allen Converse and Moses Cleveland a committee to lay out to Samuel Blogget, at Frog Hole, a piece of land to the value of an acre and half. William Johnson and Ensign James Converse are appointed a committee to lay out to Joseph Richardson and Isaac Richardson, either of them a parcel of land according to town grant.

John Wright and Allen Converse are appointed a committee to lay out to Moses Cleveland a piece of land, to the value of half an acre according to town grant.

The selectmen met the 1st of May, 1677 and called Ralph Reed to account for entertaining Joseph Blood, who with John Johnson entered into bond as followeth:

[John Johnson's and Ralph Reed's bond.] Know all men by these presents, that we, John Johnson and Ralph Reed, bind ourselves, heirs and executors, in a bond of twenty pounds apiece, to be paid to Francis Kendall, on the town's behalf, at or before the last of August next ensuing this date:

The conditions of the above written obligation is such, that in case the said John Johnson and Ralph Reed bear all charges that may come to this town by entertaining Joseph Blood, then this bond to be void and of none effect, otherways to stand in full force and virtue.

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A country rate made the 27th of Aug., 1677.

These rates to the War were three times doubl'd.

	£.	s.	d.
Capt. John Carter, 4 persons and estate,	000	18	00
Richard Gardner, his estate,	000	06	00
John Green, one person and estate,	000	03	10
William Johnson, 4 persons and estate,	000	17	10
Matthew Johnson, 2 persons and estate,	000	10	09
James Converse, Jr., one person and estate,	000	06	00
Thomas Pierce, Sen., 3 persons and estate,	000	10	03
Ensign James Converse, 3 persons and estate,	000	12	06
Deacon Josiah Converse, 2 persons and estate,	000	10	00
John Sheldon, 3 persons and estate,	000	07	04
Mr. William Symmes, his estate,	000	01	00
Samuel Richardson, his estate,	000	04	01
Caleb Farlow, one person and estate,	000	03	10
Stephen Richardson, his estate,	000	05	00
Widow Richardson, her estate and one person,	000	08	00
Isaac Richardson, one person and estate,	000	06	05
Nathaniel Richardson, his estate,	000	02	02
Isaac Brooks, his estate,	000	04	00
Robert Eames, his estate,	000	05	03
Thomas Hall, his person and estate,	000	02	06
[75*] Joseph Richardson, his estate,	000	05	09
John Richardson, his estate and one person,	000	02	10
James Thompson, Jr., his person and estate,	000	04	09

Bartholomew Pearson, his person and estate,	000	10	00
Henry Tottingham, 3 persons and estate,	000	12	00
John Brooks, one person and estate,	000	09	01
Henry Brooks, one person and estate,	000	02	05
John Burbeen, one person and estate,	000	02	07
John Mousall, two persons and estate,	000	09	01
James Thompson, Sen., his estate,	000	00	03
Jonathan Thompson, one person and estate,	000	05	07
John Kendall, his estate,	000	01	11
Timothy Carter, one person and estate,	000	02	04
Thomas Carter, one person and estate,	000	01	10
Joseph Wright, his estate,	000	03	02
Ephraim Buck, one person and estate,	000	03	11
Aaron Cleveland, one person and estate,	000	02	08
Gershom Flagg, one person and estate,	000	06	06
Hopetill Foster, one person and estate,	000	03	08
Abraham Jaquith, 2 persons and estate,	000	05	06
Samuel Walker, Sen., his estate,	000	03	10
John Walker, one person and estate,	000	02	08
James Fowle, 3 persons and estate,	000	08	02
John Wright, one person and estate,	000	05	00
John Seers, his estate,	000	04	09
Allen Converse, 2 persons and estate,	000	03	02
Edward Winn, one person and estate,	000	03	04
Increase Winn, his estate,	000	00	10
Thomas Pierce, Jr., his estate,	000	02	05
John Russell, 3 persons and estate,	000	08	04
William Dean, one person and estate,	000	02	04
Thomas Lepingwell, one person and estate,	000	03	03
Michael Lepingwell, one person and estate,	000	03	02
Henry Summers, his estate,	000	03	04
Joseph Knight, Jr., one person and estate,	000	02	08
William Green, one person and estate,	000	02	06
Moses Cleveland, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	000	06	02
Moses Cleveland, Jr., one person and estate,	000	02	10
George Polly, Sen., one person and estate,	000	04	08
John Polly, one person and estate,	000	01	08
George Polly, Jr., one person and estate,	000	01	08
Thomas Henshaw, one person and estate,	000	02	02
Joseph Carter, his estate,	000	02	11
Henry Baldwin, 2 persons and estate,	000	09	06
John Pierce, one person and estate,	000	04	03
John Snow, one person and estate,	000	04	06
James Snow, one person and estate,	000	03	11
John Baker, 3 persons and estate,	000	08	05
Joseph Pierce, one person and estate,	000	03	03
William Butters, one person and estate,	000	02	03
Zachariah Converse, one person and estate,	000	04	10
John Houghton, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	000	04	07
Francis Wyman, one person and estate,	000	11	08
[76*] Samuel Snow, one person and estate,	000	04	02
Zachariah Snow, one person and estate,	000	03	08
John Wilson, Sen., one person and estate,	000	03	08
John Wilson, Jr., one person and estate,	000	03	04
John Wyman, 3 persons and estate,	000	12	09
John Farrar, one person and estate,	000	01	00
Jacob Farrar, one person and estate,	000	01	11
Widow Farrar, her estate,	000	02	02
Joseph Winn, his estate,	000	03	00
John Johnson, 2 persons and estate,	000	06	06
Will Locke, two persons and estate,	000	08	06
Samuel Blogget, 3 persons and estate,	000	11	03
James Nutting, person and estate,	000	02	09
George Brush, 1 person and estate,	000	05	08
Thomas Kendall, one person and estate,	000	03	04

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Francis Kendall, 3 persons and estate,	000	11	00
Israel Reed, two persons and estate,	000	05	06
Israel Walker, one person and estate,	000	04	06
George Reed, 2 persons and estate,	000	09	00
Samuel Walker, Jr., one person and estate,	000	07	04
Samuel Carter, one person and estate,	000	04	07
John Glazier, one person and estate,	000	04	02
Widow Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	10
Caleb Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	07
Joseph Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	03
Benjamin Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	06
William Clarke, two persons and estate,	000	06	03
Michael Bacon, one person and estate,	000	08	05
Ralph Reed, two persons and estate,	000	07	05
John Tidd, two persons and estate,	000	08	00
Robert Pierce, one person and estate,	000	05	10
Joseph Knight, 2 persons and estate,	000	08	07
John Cragin, one person and estate,	000	02	04
David Wyman, his estate,	000	03	07
Edward Farmer, two persons and estate,	000	08	06
James Butler, one person and estate,	000	04	04
Mistress Johnson, her estate,	000	01	08
Widow Russell, her estate,	000	00	09
Ephraim Winslip, one person and estate,	000	04	02
John Houghton, Jr., his estate,	000	01	00
John Bateman, his person and estate,	000	02	01
William Pierce, one person and estate,	000	02	00
Nathaniel Pierce, one person and estate,	000	02	02
John Priest, one person and estate,	000	01	08
James Wallis, one person and estate,	000	01	11
William Wyman, one person and estate,	000	01	11
Jonathan Eatou, one person and estate,	000	01	08
David Fox, one person and estate,	000	01	08

77= [77*]. This year, 1677, the general court ordered that there should be two money rates and one ordinary rate, which the selectmen gave warrant to gather.

Capt. John Carter, Deacon Converse and Sergeant Thomas Pierce are appointed a committee to end a controversy arising between the men of the second division and they of the sixth division, and to do it with what conveniency may be; there is added to this committee Ensign James Converse and Francis Kendall.

[A meeting of the selectmen the 3rd of Dec., 1677.] The selectmen forewarned Daniel McGinnis, of coming into the town as an inhabitant.

At the same meeting, the selectmen called John Wyman to account for entertaining Goodman Grimes as an inmate, and received bond of John Wyman as followeth:

[George Grimes' bond.] Know all men by these presents, that I, John Wyman of the town of Woburn, tanner, do bind myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to pay or cause to be paid to Matthew Johnson, of the same town, the full and just sum of fifty pounds, for the town's use, at or before the 10th of Aug., '79.

The conditions of the above written obligation are such, that in case the said John Wyman free the town of all charges that may happen by George Grimes in poverty, then this bond to be void and of none effect, otherways to stand in full force and virtue. Dated Dec. 3, '77.

Witness:
William Johnson, JOHN WYMAN.
John Carter.

At this meeting, it was agreed that the inhabitants should be warned to meet the 10th day of this instant month, to consider about a tract of land that lyeth between Billerica line, Reading line and Maple Meadow.

Now we received a warrant from the treasurer for three rates, amounting to £88, 11s. and 9d., three rates being ordered to satisfy it, coming to £94, 18s. and 6d.

At a general meeting of the inhabitants, the 10th of Dec., 1677, at which meeting the proprietors did agree to draw lots for the division of about 4000 acres of land, that lyeth common on the north side Maple Meadow River, between Billerica line and said river.

[A vote for the division of great lots, and the taking up swamp bottom.] Also at this meeting it was determined by a unanimous vote of the proprietors there met, that, whereas formerly there was a vote of the whole town for the dividing of seven hundred and fifty acres of swamp amongst the proprietors, upon a view of all the common swamps it doth appear that there is not half that complement, it is therefore determined, that if any person interested in the said swamp see cause, he may take up either

in swamp or upland the proportion allowed them in the division of swamps, provided it be where the timber is already their own, and so many acres as they receive in that manner, to allow it out of their lots in this great division, and that they return the number and place where they take it up to the recorder and committee within a month; and when this is done, the proprietors agree to divide the land that yet remaineth common into great lots, to be laid out one hundred and twenty pole [78*] long, and to begin next Billerica line, at the end where the last lots left off; the first range to lie alongst Billerica line to the land of Nod, and then the second range to begin at the same end where the first did, and every range after successively till the tract of land which is about four thousand acres be laid out; and farther it is agreed, that the selectmen from time to time shall have power to lay out highways in this tract of land, for accommodating the proprietors without allowance given for the same.

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Range
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[Dec. 10, 1677.] At this meeting the proprietors drew lots, the form and order followeth:

	acres.
1. Henry Baldwin,	44
2. Robert Pierce,	40
3. John Green,	25
4. John Wilson,	41
5. Joseph Richardson,	33
6. { Michael Lepingwell, } { and Edward Irons 10 }	44
7. James Fowle,	33
8. Will Johnson,	86
9. Increase Winn,	13
10. Josiah Converse,	60
11. James Converse,	85
12. Henry Tottingham,	51
13. John Wyman,	72
14. Matthew Smith,	22
15. William Simonds,	59
[The end of the first range.]	
[The 2nd range.]	
16. Joseph Winn,	24
17. Moses Cleveland,	34
18. Bartholomew Pearson,	82
19. John Richardson,	38
20. Samuel Blogget,	40
21. John Seers,	72
22. John Carter,	30
23. Richard Gardner,	26
24. John Pierce,	88
25. Mr. Thomas Carter,	30
26. John Tidd,	31
27. Henry Summers,	27
28. John Farrar,	36
29. Samuel Walker, Jr.,	55
30. Joanna Richardson,	60
31. Thomas Pierce,	31
32. Edward Winn,	54
33. Allen Converse,	30
34. James Thompson,	62
35. George Brush,	
36. John Knight,	
[The 3d range.]	
37. John Burbeen,	19
38. Joseph Carter,	41
39. John Johnson,	33
40. Samuel Carter,	18
41. Joseph Knight,	38
42. Joseph Wright,	75
43. John Wright,	
44. Isaac Brooks,	16
45. Matthew Johnson,	61
46. half Capt. Ed. Johnson,	
47. Richard Post,	28
48. John Cutler,	15
49. Nathaniel Richardson,	30
50. John Brooks,	66
51. William Locke,	35
52. Samuel Converse,	49
53. George Polly,	38
54. Michael Knight,	21
55. Samuel Walker, Sen.,	48
56. The officers' lot,	60
57. Mr. Graves,	30
58. Jonathan Thompson,	26
59. Thomas Whittemore,	12
60. { John Russell, } { John Russell, }	54
61. George Reed,	42
62. Theophilus Richardson,	66
63. William Clarke,	32
64. John Mousall,	49
65. Timothy Brooks,	37
66. Richard Snow,	44
67. Francis Wyman,	63
68. Abraham Jaquith,	41
69. Michael Bacon, Sen.,	53
70. John Cragin,	23
71. Francis Kendall,	62
72. Michael Bacon,	49
73. Robert Eames,	25
74. John Snow,	24
75. Henry Brooks,	45
76. Isaac Richardson,	20
77. John Baker,	27
78. Ralph Reed,	32

[79*] [Joseph Richardson's land.] In obedience to an order of the selectmen, William Johnson and James Converse being appointed a committee did lay out to Joseph Richardson three acres of land next his own land, near Parley Meadow Brook, bounded by a line between him and the Common next Reading path.

[Isaac Richardson's land.] Also at the same time the same committee did lay out to Isaac Richardson, according to a former grant at the east side of Mount Discovery, three quarters of an acre to accommodate the fencing his meadow.

[Agreed with Will Johnson about the great lots.] Agreed with William Johnson by the selectmen and committee, that he the said William Johnson, shall go on to lay out the tract of land between Billerica line and Maple Meadow, laying out to every proprietor his double lot four times doubled, and to those that take up no bottom in the timberland to have half a lot more added to their present lot; and the said William Johnson to have of every proprietor two pence an acre for laying it out, to be paid in corn and barley, rye and Indian equal, he giving a plot of the said land.

A general meeting of the inhabitants, on the 26th of February, 1678, for choice of officers, selectmen and others to serve the year 1678.

FOR SELECTMEN.—Capt. John Carter, William Johnson, Ensign Converse, Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson.

FOR CONSTABLES.—Samuel Blogget, William Locke.

SURVEYORS FOR FENCES.—Thomas Pierce, Allen Converse, John Johnson, James Converse, Joseph Richardson.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS.—John Wright, Joseph Winn, Michael Bacon, Thomas Pierce, Sen., Henry Tottingham.

SEALERS FOR MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

SEALERS FOR LEATHER.—John Russell, James Fowle.

FOR SWINE.—Samuel Walker, Jr., John Johnson, Thomas Kendall.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE.—Josiah Converse.

DEPUTIES FOR THE GENERAL COURT.—Mr. Humphrey Davie, Lieut. Will Johnson.

[Consideration for badness of lots.] At this general meeting it was granted by a vote of the proprietors, that whereas Mr. Thomas Carter, Deacon Josiah Converse, Moses Cleveland, Francis Wyman and William Locke shall have five acres on the score according to the number of acres of their great lots, because the said great lots fell out very bad, to begin after Richard Gardner hath his thirty acres, as they are here set down in order.

Also Increase Winn, Joseph Winn, John Pierce, Henry Summers, John Farrar, Joseph Carter, John Johnson, Samuel Carter, Joseph Knight and Abraham Jaquith, these latter to have two acres upon the score, to be laid out together.

[80*]. [A grant of 30 acres of swamp to the committee.] At the same meeting, it was determined by a major vote of the proprietors, that Capt. Edward Johnson, Capt. John Carter, John Wright and Deacon Josiah Converse, and Sergeant Thomas Pierce should have thirty acres of make meadow, or swamp, part of Ladder Pole Swamp and Settle Meadow Brook, and the rest on Maple Meadow River amongst the young men's lots, which land is to satisfy the said committee, and those that they set to work, for all the trouble and pains that they were at in dividing the common land into proprietries.

[Grant of 7 acres of make meadow to the committee.] There was also granted to John Wyman, Francis Kendall, Sergeant Thomas Pierce, Samuel Walker and John Brooks seven acres of make meadow or swamp, for to satisfy them for proportioning every man's right in the common lands, which is satisfied at Lubber's Brook next Reading corner, as to four of their rights.

[John Wyman's taking in the country road.] At this meeting, it was voted by a unanimous vote of the inhabitants, that whereas John Wyman hath set out his fence into the country road, he shall move it again into the place where it stood before, and leave out the country highway.

[James Thompson's grant.] James Thompson, Jr., is granted a small piece of land to the value of a quarter of an acre, to accommodate the setting of his fence straight at Frog Hole Meadow.

[Isaac Richardson's grant.] Isaac Richardson is granted to take up about an acre or two of bottom of swamp, where he hath already taken up his other swamp, the same being orderly laid out and returned to be recorded.

[Francis Kendall's grant of land.] Francis Kendall is granted the bottom of a small tract of land, to the value of four acres or thereabout, bounded by the path that goeth from Israel Reed's to Samuel Walker's gate, and bounded elsewhere by the land of Francis Kendall and Samuel Walker.

[Sergeant Pierce's grant of 6 acres by exchange.] Sergeant Thomas Pierce is granted liberty to exchange 6 acres of land, that lyeth at Boggy Meadow Field, for as much bottom, where the top is his own.

[Will Locke's and George Brush's grant.] William Locke and George Brush are granted a small piece of make meadow, that lyeth on the south side of Maple Meadow River, between the meadow they bought of Joseph Carter and the meadow that is Richard Snow's.

[Allen Converse's grant.] Allen Converse is granted liberty to move his fence into the highway, so far as to set his fence straight, from John Seers' fence to his own homelouse, provided he make the highway good, by laying the gravel that cometh out of his cellar in it, to even the way in the valley.

[James Fowle's grant.] James Fowle is granted liberty to take in a little piece of land behind the Bell Hill, provided it be laid out by the selectmen.

[81*] [Joseph Simonds' grant of swamp.] Joseph Simonds is granted the bottom of one acre of swamp at Long Meadow Tail.

[Israel Reed's grant.] Israel Reed is granted about half an acre of bottom near his house, to be laid out by the selectmen.

At this public town meeting, there was granted by the town to those forty and four young men, the tract of land that was left after the great lots were all laid out, which tract of land was left on the north side of Maple Meadow River, at which time the said young men drew lots for the division of the same, and further agreed to divide by seven acres in a lot, David Wyman and John Wilson to have only their father's proportion. The names of the young men follow in order as their lots fell:

These lots lay between Mr. Carter's lot and Robert Eames' lot.

Henry Summers, Joseph Pierce, Aaron Cleveland, Israel Walker, John Tidd, Increase Winn, Moses Cleveland, Thomas Kendall, Zachariah Snow, Israel Reed, James Thompson, William Pierce, Timothy Carter, David Wyman, Joseph Carter, Nathaniel Pierce, Thomas Parker, Samuel Reed, Gershom Flagg.

These lots begin at the highway leading to Settle Meadow.

Thomas Pierce, Joseph Knight, James Converse, Edward Converse, Samuel Snow, Zachariah Converse, John Kendall, John Wilson, Timothy Baldwin, Thomas Lepingwell, Joseph Simonds, John Walker, John Polly, William Johnson, James Snow, Josiah Converse, Abraham Jaquith, William Wyman, Nehemiah Tottingham, William Butters, John Carter, Ephraim Buck, John Baker, William Green, Thomas Henshaw.

After these lots were laid out, there was a piece of land left on the east corner, the which was sold to William Johnson, for four pounds and eight shillings in silver, of which sum he set off with every proprietor twelve pence apiece, which amounted to forty and four shillings, onward of the sum above said, and the rest had every one twelve pence apiece paid, all but Israel Reed for one lot and Josiah Converse; the money set off was for laying the said land out.

[Apr. 1st, 1695. The young men's objections under written: At the request of several of them, as here it stands on the right hand.]

The above said young men, many of them, disown the sale of the above said piece of land to the aforesaid William Johnson, as also that they were ever paid for the same; others of them deny the sale thereof, if above thirty acres, and desired it might be so entered, April the 1st, 1695.

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[82*] [March 1, 1678. These accounts were balanced, 30 July '78.] The town creditor: -

	[£. s. d.]
By Matthew Johnson, upon balance of accounts,	000 16 00
By Francis Kendall, upon balance of accounts,	000 00 09
By Ensign James Converse, on balance of accounts,	000 03 00
By Capt. Carter, on balance of accounts,	001 09 00
By Increase Winn, for common meadows,	000 04 00
By Thomas Pierce, for common meadows,	000 04 00
By George Polly, Thomas Henshaw, John Johnson, Henry Summers, and Israel Walker,	002 01 03
Paid by the Capt., in malt to James Fowle,	000 08 00
Paid to Thomas Pierce, by William Green,	000 07 06
By John Russell, on David Wyman's account,	000 14 03
By William Locke, Samuel Blogget, Thomas Kendall, Israel Reed, their six rates in the year 1677, which was reserved,	009 00 06
By an overplus in Mr. Carter's rate,	011 13 11
	27 02 02
By John Seers, upon balance of accounts,	000 17 11
By Henry Summers, on balance of accounts,	006 10 00
By Matthew Johnson, on the remainder of a bill,	000 09 06
More by mis-reckoning of two days and shilling money, on the capt's account,	000 05 00
	017 02 05
By six rates given to the constables to gather,	180 02 06
By two rates silver, given to the constables to gather,	063 09 06
By one rate given to the constable, as corn,	031 12 10
	275 04 10
Total sum,	319 09 05
[The town debtor.]	
	[£. s. d.]
Paid to William Johnson, on the town's account,	000 09 00
For batement of strangers' rates, on John Tidd's rate,	000 17 00
And batement of strangers' silver rates,	001 19 00
Paid to William Johnson, by John Seers,	000 10 00
	003 15
Paid to the treasurer in the six rates,	165 08 00
Paid to the treasurer in the two silver rates,	059 01 04
Paid to the treasurer in the single corn rate,	029 10 07
	253 19 11
Paid to Captain Carter, Ensign Converse, Francis Kendall, William Johnson, Matthew Johnson, all the town oweth them to the first of September, 1678, and being balanced, debt and credit, is entered.	
The town debtor by several persons, as appears page 83,	044 17 08
The town debtor by several persons, and accounts, as page 84,	006 09 06
	309 03 01
More debtor, by a county rate in 1678,	009 15 06
To James Fowle, in silver, for to pay the glazier and to accommodate Goodwife Gilson,	002 02 09
To Isaac Brooks on Cutler's account, which is the whole balance of accounts with him, as to Cutler,	004 16 01
To Richard Garduer, for beef, part silver,	001 00 00
	326 17 05
Subtracted,	319 09 05
Rest due debt,	007 08 00

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[83*] [Mar. 1, 1678.] The town debtor, as followeth:—		[£. s. d.]		
To William Johnson, for: two days at court about Cutler's land and expense,	000	05	00	
To William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, and Francis Kendall, each of them, a day on the common meadows,	000	06	00	
To William Johnson, for attachment and copies,	000	02	06	
To Michael Bacon, Francis Kendall, and Sergeant Pierce, at court,	000	06	00	
To Ensign Converse, one day at court,	000	02	06	
To William Johnson, at court about Cutler's land,	000	02	06	
To William Johnson, for silver expended on the town's account,	000	06	00	
To William Locke, in silver to Mr. Danforth,	000	01	00	
To James Converse, Jr., for 6 day's work,	000	15	00	
To Edward Winn, for attendance of Iron's, from the 31st January, 1676, to the 7th January, 1677,	003	13	00	
More to Edward Winn, for butter, cheese and making a shirt,	000	05	00	
To James Fowle, for expense to the 7th of January, '77,	002	10	00	
To Gershom Flagg, for sweeping the meeting-house,	001	10	00	
More to Gershom Flagg, for measuring the 4000 acres a day,	000	03	00	
To Thomas Pierce, for 3 days about the 4000 acres,	000	09	00	
To Joseph Pierce, on the said 4000 acres,	000	09	00	
To Sergeant Pierce, for 3 days work about the 12 acres and swamps,	000	06	00	
To the Capt. Ensign and Matthew Johnson, about the 12 acres,	000	06	00	
To the Captain, one day about swamps,	000	02	00	
To John Seers, one day about the 12 acres, and Francis Kendall, a day,	000	04	00	
To Allen Converse's wife, for schooling,	000	10	00	
To William Johnson, for recording, More, two days, to make up accounts with the treasurer,	001	05	00	
For giving copies of three rates and attachments,	000	04	06	
For deputies' diet in October sessions, '77, silver advanced,	001	16	00	
For deputies' diet in the sessions of election, '77,	001	17	06	
To John Tidd, for serving Cutler's attachment,	000	01	04	
More, by a county rate,	009	17	00	
More by clothes for Cutler,	002	02	00	
More to Isaac Brooks, for two wolves,	001	00	00	
More to James Fowle, for expense, More to Samuel Walker, for expense,	000	03	06	
More to Capt. Carter, one sheet and shirt for Irons,	000	17	04	
To Joseph Winn, for wood for Irons,	001	00	00	
To Isaac Brooks, for Cutler's clothes,	002	00	00	
To Gershom Flagg, for bedding for Cutler,	001	10	00	
To William Johnson, for laying out land for the town,	000	12	06	
To Timothy Brooks, for abatement of rates,	002	13	00	
To John Sheldon, for gathering persons' estates,	000	02	00	
To Widow Farrar, Edward Farmer, and Samuel Reed, for rates abated,	001	10	00	
To Jonathan Thompson, due upon balance of accounts,	000	06	00	
To Thomas Pierce, for running Reading line,	000	02	06	
To Increase Winn, for running Reading line,	000	02	06	
To Ensign Converse, for running Billerica line,	000	02	06	
To Ensign Converse, for running Andover line; one day at court; and a day at Maple Meadow, all,	000	07	06	
To Francis Kendall, and William Johnson, at Maple Meadow,	000	04	06	
To Ensign Converse, for cattle, and a man to break up land,	000	05	00	
To William Johnson, for attendance at court and copies,	000	05	00	
To William Johnson, for measuring the 4000 acres,	000	15	00	
To William Johnson, for running Andover line,	000	03	00	
To William Johnson, for silver expended to Hopetill Foster at the court, and for the execution, advanced,	000	09	00	
To Francis Kendall, for beef for Irons,	001	01	09	
	44	17	08	
This account ends the first of August, 1678.				

[84*] The town further debtor to several persons:				
To Matthew Johnson, for work of cattle and boy,	000	05	00	
To Joseph Winn, for breaking up town land,	000	13	00	
To William Johnson, for going to make up accounts with the treasurer and constables,	000	04	00	
To Capt. John Carter for butter and cheese for Irons,	000	01	09	
To William Johnson, for deputy's diet, silver, October sessions,	001	07	00	
To William Johnson, for recording,	001	05	00	
To Isaac Richardson, for killing a wolf,	000	10	00	
Due to William Johnson, on the making up accounts, the first of September, '78, in silver, the sum of	001	13	09	
And in silver to the constable and Hopetill Foster,	000	06	00	
More paid by William Johnson to Isaac Brooks, silver, on John Cutler's sickness and tendance,	000	06	00	
	006	09	06	
Here ends accounts, September, 1678.				

[An execution served on John Cutler's land.] The 12th of August, 1678, the selectmen of the town of Woburn, having recovered a judgment against the estate of John Cutler, at a county court holden at Cambridge, the third Thursday in June, 1678, by adjournment of the general court, to the value of £94, the constable, William Locke, being the marshal general's deputy, did according to law choose Samuel Walker, Jr., for the country; John Russell was chosen for the proprietor, and Joseph Knight, Jr., for the town, all which did appraise the twenty-eight acres of land at Hungary Plain, at £48; and the land his house stood on, with the swamp adjoining to it, at £12; the piece of meadow at Mill Stone, at £1, 10s.; the meadow at Settle Meadow, at six pounds; the three small lots, at two pounds; the 16 acre lot, at two pounds ten shillings; the wood lots and herbage, at four pounds; the Cedar, at two shillings and sixpence; the whole sums, amounting to seventy-six pounds, two shillings and six pence.

JOHN RUSSELL,
SAMUEL WALKER,
JOSEPH KNIGHT, JR.

[Joseph Pierce's grant.] Joseph Pierce is granted a little tract of land between the country road and his own field, to be laid out by the selectmen.
[John Brooks' grant.] John Brooks is granted a

little tract of land he desireth, if the selectmen judge it will not prejudice the town.

[John Mousall's grant.] John Mousall is granted a small parcel of land at Mount Discovery, about three acres, the top being his own, which is to accommodate the ending in his own land.

[Israel Walker's grant.] Israel Walker is to have liberty to move his fence on the upland, provided he exceed not half an acre.

[Gershom Flagg's grant.] Gershom Flagg is granted liberty to exchange three acres of land.

[Michael Lepingwell's grant.] Michael Lepingwell is granted liberty to set his fence straight at Crooked Meadow.

[James Converse's grant.] James Converse is granted liberty to take in a piece of land at Winter Pond, so far as the selectmen judge convenient, provided there be a highway left for cattle to go to the pond.

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[85*] [The fourth of Mar., 1678.] The selectmen met and appointed a committee to lay out the highway that is between Robert Pierce's land and John Cragin's land; also to take a view of the highway that goeth through Joseph Knight's land to Concord, and so that it be not damaged. The committee appointed are Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson and William Locke.

John Mousall, Joseph Richardson, and James Thompson are appointed a committee to lay out a parcel of meadow, that was formerly James Britton's, but now to the heirs of Richard Snow, provided they exceed not two acres, and make return to the selectmen at their next meeting.

[Mar. 5, 1678.] Laid out to Samuel Walker, John Wyman, Thomas Pierce, and John Brooks, a parcel of meadow at Reading and Nod corner.

[Mar. 4, 1678.] The selectmen meet and appointed a committee to settle the highways going through Robert Pierce's land and John Cragin's, which was accordingly settled by Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson and William Locke.

[Mar. 5, 1678.] Laid out to Samuel Walker, Lieutenant John Wyman, Sergeant Thomas Pierce and John Brooks, a parcel of meadow land at the corner of Reading and Nod bounds, being about six acres, bounded by the land of George Reed, Nod land and Reading bounds.

[Feb. 28, 177.] 30 acres of swamp laid out to the committee at Maple Meadow River and Ladder Pole. Laid out to the general court's committee, namely, the heirs of Capt. Edward Johnson, Capt. John Carter, Josiah Converse, John Wright, Sergeant Thomas Pierce, to satisfy them and those that they employed in the dividing the eighths and other lands, which was accordingly laid out. Four acres and half at the swamp by Ladder Pole Swamp, which is on Settle Meadow Brook, and it fell to William Johnson as his father's right and his own; also twenty and six acres on the other side Maple Meadow River, or Clear Meadow Brook, which the said committee did afterward divide more particularly, namely, at the upper end next Wood Hill, John Wright had one acre and half; next him downward, Capt. Edward Johnson's heirs and William Johnson had two acres and half; next him, Josiah Converse had two acres; next him, John Pierce had four acres and half, given him by Ensign Converse, Deacon Converse, and his father Pierce; next him, James Converse, Jr., had two acres laid out, given him by Capt. John Carter and Deacon Converse; next him, was laid out to Capt. Carter, and his order, four acres; next him, Sergeant Thomas Pierce had laid out four acres; next him, James Converse, Jr., had laid out one acre; next him, John Pierce had one acre and half; next him, Capt. Carter had two acres; next him, Sergeant Pierce had two acres; and next him, Josiah Converse had one acre; this parcel of swamp was given to the said committee for satisfaction of their pains taken about the eighths and other lands.

[Joseph Richardson's 4 acres of bottom.] The committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom did meet, and laid out to Joseph Richardson four acres and half quarter of land, on the east side of Buck Meadow River, adjoining to his own land, bounded by the meadow land of Samuel Converse west, and Reading highway north, and his own land elsewhere.

[John Johnson's grant.] John Johnson is granted the bottom of that lot, that was bought of John Palmer of Charlestown, provided he hurt not the highway leading to the saw mill.

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[86*] The town creditor by several particulars in 1678.

	[£. s. d.]
By John Tidd, as constable in the year 1677, in silver,	000 16 04
By John Burbeen, as constable, in the year 1677, in silver,	001 00 06
By John Burbeen, in corn,	000 19 07
By John Tidd, in corn,	004 09 06
By John Burbeen, of the remainder of Mr. Carter's rate,	005 13 06
By John Tidd, of the remainder of Mr. Carter's rate,	005 15 05
By Henry Summers, on Mr. Carter's rate account,	007 13 06
Total sum,	027 02 04
The town creditor in 1678.	
By one silver rate amounting to	031 19 07
By two corn rates, amounting to	065 19 02
	095 18 09
By John Cutler's lands, being recovered by execution,	076 02 06
Total sum,	199 03 07
Debtor in 1678,	

To the treasurer, paid as silver, 057 13 05
One rate added, to make it the one half other pay, 29 03 05
[William Locke and Samuel Bloggert, constables.]

More paid by the constables on the town account, as will appear more particularly in the day book, page 141 and 142, the sum of 19 02 04

[John Cutler's 16 acres sold to Matthew Johnson.]

Sold John Cutler's great lot at Settle Meadow, to Matthew Johnson, it being 16 acres, and he hath paid to the town by Isaac Brooks, the sum of 002 10 00

Sold to William Johnson, John Cutler's three lots, all amounting to five acres, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$, and he hath paid for them in his balancing accounts with the town, as will appear in his particular account in the day book, page 140, the sum of two pounds, 002 00 00

Sold one little piece of timberland near Buck Meadow River, which was John Cutler's, to Gershom Flagg, for ten shillings, and paid in the balance of accounts with the town, as will appear in the day book in page 120, 000 10 00

110 19 02
078 04 05

[87*] The town debtor by several particulars in the year 1678.

	[£. s. d.]
By John Tidd, to the treasurer, that is not counted,	002 12 00
By silver to the treasurer, in the money rate,	023 06 05
By two corn rates to the treasurer,	058 12 10
	050 11 03
To Ensign Converse, for boards and $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of rye,	000 05 00
Debtor to John Brooks, for cutting wood, 5 cords and $\frac{1}{2}$,	000 19 03
There is sixteen shillings of this 19s. paid by William Johnson, and the town remains debtor to him the 16s. More on Cutler's account to Gershom Flagg, for bedding,	000 07 00
More for Brother Flagg's wife, for making sheets and shirts,	000 02 06
To Gershom Flagg, for running Andover line,	000 03 00
To Gershom Flagg, for a day at the broken up land and beer,	000 02 00
To a half bushel and the sealing,	000 03 00
To Gershom Flagg, for a day's work and nails,	000 02 06
To Gershom Flagg, for Cutler's grave,	000 03 06
To Gershom Flagg, for two days about the 4000 acres,	000 05 06
To Edward Winn, for tendance of Irons, from the 7th day of January, 1677, to the 3rd day of January, 1678.	005 13 00
For mending Iron's hose, for corn and salt,	000 04 20

To James Fowle, for expense,	004 13 06
Paid to Henry Summers, for wood for Irons and a coat,	001 16 00
To Joseph Winn, for half a cord of wood for Irons,	000 02 00
To Josiah Converse, for 10s. silver paid Mr. Fox for preaching,	000 10 00
To Deacon Converse, for an hour-glass and nails,	000 02 00
To Deacon Converse, for a load of clay, for lime, and four cattle, and a hand to break up ground, and time about Cutler's land, all,	000 19 00
To Ensign Converse, one day's work to carry the bill of disbursement,	000 02 00
To Samuel Walker, Joseph Knight, Jr., and John Russell, for a day's work apiece about Cutler's execution,	000 07 06
To William Johnson and Francis Kendall, each a day on the serving Cutler's execution,	000 05 00
Given to John Burbeen, on balance of accounts, silver,	000 03 06
To John Burbeen, in silver, for nursing Goodwife Gilson and for board and cider and malt,	001 06 00
To the marshall's deputy, for serving Cutler execution,	001 10 00
Debt on balance of accounts, in page 82,	007 03 00
	116 14 10

[John Brooks's 11 acres of swamp bottom.] Laid out to John Brooks in lieu of swamp bottom near Reading line, the contents of nine acres in a pine swamp, and on the east end of said swamp near the said line, also two acres at home near Tottingham's old house.

[John Mousall's $\frac{9}{16}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ acres of swamp bottom.] Laid out to John Mousall in the pine swamp near Reading line, the sum of six acres and half a quarter, on the account of swamp bottom, adjoining to the swamp land of his Brother Brooks, and also three acres at home near Ephraim Buck's.

[Henry Brooks's 6 acres of swamp bottom.] Laid out to Henry Brooks at the above said swamp near Reading line, six acres in lieu of swamp bottom.

[James Thompson's $\frac{3}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ acres of swamp bottom.] Laid out to James Thompson in the above said swamp near Reading line, three acres and half and half quarter, on the account of swamp bottom.

[88*] [Allen Converse's grant.] Allen Converse is granted liberty to exchange two acres of land.

[Butler's gift.] James Butler is forgiven twenty and six shillings of his rate that is unpaid.

Henry Summers, Joseph Carter and Thomas Pierce, Jr., their petition is to be considered by the selectmen.

[Joseph Simonds's grant.] Joseph Simonds is granted an acre of swamp at Long Meadow Tail.

[Israel Reed's grant.] Israel Reed is granted to the value of half an acre of bottom by his house, at the judgment of the selectmen.

[Henry Summers's grant.] Henry Summers is granted that parcel of land he petitioned for at the treasury, provided he range even with Allen Converse's land, which tract of land is about one acre and half.

[Thomas Pierce's grant.] Also Thomas Pierce, Jr., is granted three quarters of an acre of land in the swamp behind the Snow's, bounded by Allen Converse, Henry Baldwin and Joseph Carter.

[Joseph Carter's grant.] Joseph Carter is granted a tract of land about half an acre, leaving the highway ten pole wide and coming to Moses Cleveland's corner.

[John Brooks's grant laid out.] John Brooks is granted a tract of land, and laid out now by the selectmen and marked, near the highway that leadeth to Henry Tottingham's and Ephraim Buck's, provided that if there be any further division in the town afterward, this tract of land is to be considered in it as swamp bottom.

[William Pierce. Return of his house lot.] Whereas, William Pierce had a grant of a piece of land from the town to set a dwelling house on and a shop near Allen Converse's sawpit, it is laid out to him, and is bounded north by the side of the shop as it now standeth, and southward and westward by set bounds, it containing about thirty poles of land, and this was laid out according to town order, the 27th of Feb., 1678.

[Moses Cleveland. Return of a house lot.] Whereas, there was a grant of half an acre of land to Moses Cleveland, Jr., to be laid out near a place called the Old Wolf Pen, it is accordingly laid out by the committee appointed and the bounds set.

[89*]. The selectmen met the 1st of Apr., 1678, and by warrant sent for William Dean, who was proved to be in drink the third time, is sentenced to pay ten shillings upon the constables demand.

William Johnson, [the] Ensign [Converse] and Gershom Flagg are appointed a committee to run Andover line. Francis Kendall, Henry Summers and James Converse are appointed a committee to run Billerica line.

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Increase Winn and Thomas Pierce are appointed a committee to run Reading line, all to be run on the last Thursday in April next.

The selectmen met the 6th of May, 1678, and agreed that there should be broken up and fenced in, one acre and half of that land that was reserved for a succeeding officer in the church, and that it should be planted with good trees, that so there may be an orchard coming on for the town's use.

Further, it was ordered that there should be an attachment served on the lands of John Cutler; and William Johnson and Ensign James Converse are appointed to manage the matter at court in recovering what charge the town hath been at for thirteen years past, which amounts to near one hundred pounds, which accordingly was done and judgment obtained against the trustees for the said Cutler and judgment acknowledged by the said trustees of ninety-four pounds, and execution taken forth and served on the said lands.

George Polly, Sen., being warned to appear before the selectmen for the entertaining of the child of Hannah Thornton as an inmate, which by his own confession he had kept above half a year, was sentenced to pay to the use of the town sixpence a day, according to a former order made in the year 1640.

[Agreement about Meadow.] The selectmen met the first of July, 1678, and agreed with Gershom Flagg, Increase Winn, Thomas Pierce and Israel Reed, namely, that these four men, or any three of them, shall have the use of the common meadows on the north side of Maple Meadow River, paying to the town ten shillings a year for the space of five years, which fifty shillings is to be wrought out in clearing the said meadow, the work being done in a convenient time soon after Michaelmas every year, and the selectmen are to send a man with them to oversee the work and see that it be conscientiously performed; further it is agreed that if these persons fence in this meadow, the fence being set where the selectmen judge meet, then what the said fence shall be worth at the end of the said five years the town shall pay them in honest pay, being appraised by indifferent men.

90- [90*]. [Common Meadows.] The first of July, 1678, agreed with John Houghton who is to have the meadow land that is bounded out next that meadow heretofore of Joseph Carter, and Samuel Snow and Thomas Kendall to have that between John Houghton's line and a creek by the lower end, where John Walker is to have a piece about one acre, they having this meadow for the space of twelve years, they leaving a sufficient fence about it, and do also clean the said meadow, and if the town need any of this meadow then they may take half, provided the town allow to the above said persons according to a due proportion, as the years may be that are yet to come after the said half is taken away.

[Isaac Brooks's grant.] William Johnson and Ensign James Converse are appointed to lay out to Isaac Brooks that meadow land that was granted to him at Shred Pine, which accordingly was done, and the bounds set and marked.

[John Tidd's agreement.] The 5th of July, 1678, agreed with John Tidd, Jr., about the land that is broken up for to plant an orchard on, namely, that the said John Tidd shall have the use of that piece of land that is broken up, adjoining to his own, for three years after the first of April, 1679; the first year he is to plant the land and bring it into good order, receiving the land as it is at present, and to plant the fruit trees after the town have procured them; he is to have all the wood and timber growing on the said ploughed land, and for the last two years to pay forty shillings, to be set off in the price of the fence that the said Tidd is to set up about it; and the said John Tidd doth engage to fence in this land with a good sufficient four rail fence, the posts to be white oak or cedar, and for the said fence the town is to allow him one and twenty pence a pole, and the said Tidd is to plant this land all the three years, and to secure the trees from damage; he is not permitted to put in to this orchard any sheep or neat cattle all the term, and do promise that if this land be to be let after the three years be expired, the said Tidd shall have the refusing of the hire of it; it is further agreed that if the town need this land for an officer before the three years be expired, that then they are to have it bating or returning what they have received.

[Thomas Henshaw's eight acres.] Laid out to Thomas Henshaw eight acres of upland, the which he purchased of Henry Summers, and taken up as the right of said Summers on the swamp bottom near Boggy Meadow Field, bounded by the highway that goeth to the said field from the Wymans on the south end, the said way being turned by that end to the other highway; also bounded by the highway on the northeast corner at a marked tree, and on the west corner by a stake, and the west side by William Pierce's land.

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91- [91*] The selectmen met the 18th of Aug., 1678, and made a rate for the country.

	[£. s. d.]
Capt. John Carter, three persons and estate,	000 13 04
Richard Gardner, his estate,	000 08 00
John Green, one person and estate,	000 03 08
William Johnson, 4 persons and estate,	000 17 06
Matthew Johnson, two persons and estate,	000 11 01
James Converse, Jr., one person and estate,	000 05 11
Sergt. Thomas Pierce, 3 persons and estate,	000 10 09
Ensign James Converse, 3 persons and estate,	000 12 06
Deacon Josiah Converse, 2 persons and estate,	000 10 00
John Sheldon, 2 persons and estate,	000 08 05
John Pries., one person and estate,	000 02 02
Mr. William Symmes,	000 01 00
Samuel Richardson, one person and estate,	000 06 09
Stephen Richardson, one person and estate,	000 06 09
James Wallis, one person and estate,	000 01 11
George Wilkinsor, one person and estate,	000 01 08
Caleb Farlow, one person and estate,	000 04 04
Widow Richardson, one person and estate,	000 08 10
Isaac Richardson, one person and estate,	000 07 09
Nathaniel Richardson, one person and estate,	000 05 05
Isaac Brooks, one person and estate,	000 05 06
Robert Eames, one person and estate,	000 07 07
Thomas Hall, one person and estate,	000 02 10
Joseph Richardson, two persons and estate,	000 11 01
John Richardson, 2 persons and estate,	000 05 02
James Thompson, one person and estate,	000 05 04
Bartholomew Pearson, one person and estate,	000 07 01
Henry Tottingham, three persons and estate,	000 10 03
John Brooks, one person and estate,	000 09 07
David Roberts, one person and estate,	000 01 08
Henry Brooks, his person and estate,	000 02 02
John Burbeen, one person and estate,	000 03 01
John Mousall, two persons and estate,	000 09 10
Jonathan Thompson, one person and estate,	000 05 07
John Kendall, one person and estate,	000 04 01
Timothy Carter, one person and estate,	000 02 06
Thomas Carter, one person and estate,	000 01 08
Joseph Wright, one person and estate,	000 05 06
Ephraim Buck, one person and estate,	000 04 04
Aaron Cleveland, one person and estate,	000 02 06
Jacob Farrar, one person and estate,	000 02 00
Joseph Winn, one person and estate,	000 05 11
Gershom Flagg, one person and estate,	000 06 06
Hopetill Foster, one person and estate,	000 03 03
Abraham Jaquith, one person and estate,	000 03 03
John Jaquith, one person and estate,	000 01 08
Samuel Walker, Sen., one person and estate,	000 05 00
James Fowle, 4 persons and estate,	000 10 04
John Wright, one person and estate,	000 05 01
John Seers, one person and estate,	000 05 10
[92*] Allen Converse, two persons and estate,	000 08 11
Edward Winn, one person and estate,	000 03 08
Increase Winn, one person and estate,	000 02 10
Thomas Pierce, Jr., one person and estate,	000 04 07
John Russell, two persons and estate,	000 07 10
William Dean, one person and estate,	000 02 07
Thomas Lepingwell, one person and estate,	000 04 00
Michael Lepingwell, one person and estate,	000 02 11

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Henry Summers, one person and estate,	000	05	09
Joseph Knight, Jr., one person and estate,	000	03	00
William Green, one person and estate,	000	03	00
Moses Cleveland, Sen., one person and estate,	000	04	05
Moses Cleveland, Jr., one person and estate,	000	02	07
George Polly, Sen., one person and estate,	000	04	07
John Polly, one person and estate,	000	02	04
George Polly, Jr., one person and estate,	000	02	00
Thomas Henshaw, one person and estate,	000	02	06
Joseph Carter, one person and estate,	000	05	01
Henry Baldwin, two persons and estate,	000	09	10
John Pierce, one person and estate,	000	04	05
John Snow, one person and estate,	000	05	05
James Snow, one person and estate,	000	04	01
John Baker, two persons and estate,	000	06	09
Joseph Pierce, one person and estate,	000	03	04
William Butters, one person and estate,	000	02	03
Zachariah Converse, one person and estate,	000	04	03
John Baker, Jr., one person and estate,	000	02	00
Francis Wyman, two persons and estate,	000	12	07
Samuel Snow, one person and estate,	000	04	06
Zachariah Snow, one person and estate,	000	04	00
William Wyman, one person and estate,	000	01	11
John Wilson, Sen., one person and estate,	000	03	01
John Wilson, Jr., one person and estate,	000	03	06
John Wyman, 3 persons and estate,	000	12	07
John Farrar, his estate,	000	01	02
John Johnson, two persons and estate,	000	06	04
William Locke, two persons and estate,	000	10	01
Samuel Blogget, 3 persons and estate,	000	10	09
George Brush, one person and estate,	000	05	04
Thomas Kendall, one person and estate,	000	03	09
Francis Kendall, 3 persons and estate,	000	09	10
Israel Reed, two persons and estate,	000	07	01
Israel Walker, one person and estate,	000	04	07
George Reed, two persons and estate,	000	09	03
Samuel Walker, Jr., one person and estate,	000	07	08
Samuel Carter, one person and estate,	000	05	10
John Glazier, one person and estate,	000	03	09
Widow Simonds, her estate,	000	02	01
Caleb Simonds, one person and estate,	000	03	09
Joseph Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	02
Benjamin Simonds, one person and estate,	000	02	07
James Simonds, one person and estate,	000	01	11
William Clarke, two persons and estate,	000	05	04
Michael Bacon, one person and estate,	000	05	08
Ralph Reed, two persons and estate,	000	08	09
John Tidd, Sen., two persons and estate,	000	07	08
Robert Pierce, one person and estate,	000	05	03
Joseph Knight, Jr., one person and estate,	000	05	10
John Knight, one person and estate,	000	01	11
[93*] John Cragin, one person and estate,	000	02	03
David Wyman, one person and estate,	000	05	03
Edward Farmer,	000	06	11
Mistress Johnson, her estate,	000	02	00
John Bateman, one person and estate,	000	02	02
William Pierce, one person and estate,	000	02	11
Nathaniel Pierce, one person and estate,	000	02	11
David Fox, one person and estate,	000	02	00
John Tidd, Jr., one person and estate,	000	02	06
George Grimes, one person and estate,	000	04	10
Joseph Waters, one person and estate,	000	02	02
John Carter, one person and estate,	000	06	00

At a general meeting of the inhabitants, legally warned the 26th of Aug., 1678.

[A vote about the meeting-house.] Voted, and passed, that there should be a committee chosen, who should have power to enlarge the seats of the meeting-house, and that the same committee shall have power to seat the inhabitants, as there may be need, according to former order page (37), and the selectmen to raise the sum of moneys that may be needful for the defraying the charges laid out on the work; the manner of enlargement was also voted, which was to drive the seats backward to make room for a table, and to move them westward, to lengthen them on the women's side, and to build what galleries they see convenient; the committee chosen are Francis Kendall, John Mousall, Matthew Johnson, Joseph Richardson, Samuel Carter, Samuel Walker, Jr., and Samuel Blogget. Deacon Converse and Samuel Walker and Michael Bacon are to seat the committee.

[A vote about the ministers.] At the same time the inhabitants unanimously passed a vote, that they would procure a minister to help Mr. Carter and that they would raise four rates, one of them to be silver, for the defraying the minister's maintenance; which four rates amount to about one hundred and twenty pounds. Mr. Carter agreeing to be satisfied with seventy pounds, one quarter silver, and to have his twenty cord of wood brought to his house, as was agreed before, and the other minister to have fifty pounds, one quarter silver.

At this time they also agreed jointly that the Reverend Mr. Fox should be the man to help Mr. Carter for this year, and that Capt. John Carter, Deacon Josiah Converse and Lieutenant John Wyman should have power to go and treat with the Reverend Mr. Fox about the same and make return to the town again.

[Irons's wood.] The selectmen met the 4th of Nov. 1678, and agreed that Henry Summers should provide wood for Edward Irons, and set it off in what he oweth the town.

[A town rate.] The selectmen met the 6th of Jan., 1679, and agreed that the constables should gather half a rate of the inhabitants, to defray town charges, and because that the town is in debt silver, therefore they that will pay silver shall be bated one-half.

[Henry Summers's land laid out, being swamp bottom, 8 acres.] Laid out to Henry Summers eight acres of land near Boggy Meadow, in lieu of swamp bottom, bounded by the highway leading from Dunham's lot to Boggy Meadow on the south, the said

highway being turned by order into the other way on the south end, and also bounded by the other way leading to Boggy Meadow on the east, and by the town Common elsewhere; this record is the same with that to Thomas Henshaw, page (90).

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[94*] The inhabitants of the town of Woburn met the 25th of Feb., 1679, and chose officers for the ensuing year, which are as follows:

FOR MODERATOR:—William Johnson.
FOR SELECTMEN:—Capt. John Carter, William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Mr. Samuel Carter, Samuel Walker.

SEALER FOR MEASURES.—Increase Winn.
FOR CONSTABLES:—Joseph Richardson, Francis Wyman.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS:—Michael Bacon, Moses Cleveland, Sen., Isaac Brooks, Deacon Josiah Converse.

SEALER FOR LEATHER:—James Fowle.
SURVEYORS FOR FENCES:—William Locke, John Brooks.

TO LOOK AFTER SWINE:—John Johnson, Sen.
TO ASSIST HIM:—George Brush, Joseph Simonds, Benjamin Simonds.

FOR DEPUTIES TO SERVE AT THE GENERAL COURT:—Mr. Humphrey Davie, Lieut. William Johnson.

[George Polly's grant of 1 acre and $\frac{1}{2}$.] George Polly, Jr., is granted one acre and half of bottom adjoining to his father's land near Berry Meadow Bridge, provided the top be his own, and his father give him accommodations for his comfortable subsistence; this acre and half to be laid out by the selectmen or their order.

[Thomas Henshaw's grant.] Thomas Henshaw was granted one acre of land near his house, the top being his own, also orderly laid out.

[Moses Cleveland's grant.] Moses Cleveland, Jr., is granted half an acre of bottom, provided the top be his own, adjoining to the half acre given him already, provided it be laid out orderly by the selectmen.

[Edward Winn's grant.] Edward Winn, his petition is so far granted, as that the selectmen are ordered to take a view of what he desireth, and make report to the town what advantage to him and disadvantage to the town in the running of his fence, as he desireth.

[John Wyman's grant.] John Wyman is granted a piece of swamp behind John Farrar's, the top being his own, and if it be above three acres, he to allow the rest out of his own proportion.

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[95*]. [William Johnson's grant of ten acres.] William Johnson is granted ten acres of bottom at the north side the Great Meadow Swamp, the top being his own, in exchange of ten acres of bottom on Turkey Hill.

Samuel Blogget is granted to move his fence at Frog Hole for his conveniencey.

[An order about the selectmen.] Voted by the inhabitants, agreed and ordered, that the selectmen, or any one of them, neglecting to prosecute the orders of the town, shall pay twenty shillings for every offence of that kind, to be levied by the constable.

[The selectmen met, the 3rd of Mar., 1679. An order about swamp bottom.] The selectmen taking into consideration the inconveniences that may happen, by reason there is a liberty granted for the inhabitants to take up swamp bottom anywhere, provided the top be their own, and very few make return and enter on record, according to former order, do declare, therefore, that all persons having liberty for the taking up of swamp bottom, and neglecting the bounding and returning the same on record, it is hereby declared that all lands so neglected shall be accounted illegal.

With reference to Edward Winn's petition, he is granted the exchange of a small piece of land near his house, which is stated and bounded by the selectmen; provided, that when his neighbors have need of water or watering for their cattle, that then they may have the liberty to come to the water, called the Vineyard, as formerly.

[Thomas Pierce, Jr., his swamp bottom 14 acres $\frac{1}{2}$.] A return of Thomas Pierce, Jr., his bottom of swamp.

Of Gershom Flagg, his right—3 acres.

Of his father Pierce, his right—4 acres.

Of Michael Bacon, his right—6 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$.

Of James Snow, on his father's right, one acre.

Total, 14 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$.

Six acres and three quarters of this sum is taken up on the south side of Boggy Meadow, bounded by the said meadow north; the highway south, and the way to Boggy Meadow Field east, and on the west side by George Polly's meadow; three acres more on the west side Mill Stone Meadow, bounded by the highway to the said meadow east, on the south side by the land of John Pierce, and on the west side by the land of Joseph Pierce, and the land of John Pierce north.

[Francis Kendall's swamp bottom, 16 acres and $\frac{3}{4}$.] Return of Francis Kendall's, his swamp bottom, being sixteen acres want a quarter.

Seven and three qr. of his own, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

Five of Michael Bacon, Jr., his right, 5—0.

Four acres of William Clarke, his right, 4—0.

16 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

Bounded and laid out according to order, *vidz*: eight acres near George Brush's house, bounded by marked trees and stakes; the highway that leads to the town going through it; the other seven acres and three quarters lying in his own wood lot, near Little Rock Meadow.

[96*]. The town debtor in the year 1679.

	[£. s. d.]
To John Houghton, Sen., for his wife's schooling and work on the meeting-house,	000 14 06
To Deacon Josiah Converse, on balance of accounts in silver, twelve shillings, made other pay,	000 18 00
To Henry Summers, for two cord of wood, for Irons,	000 12 00
To Gershom Flagg, on Edward Winn's account,	000 04 00
To Gershom Flagg, paid to Joseph Winn,	000 15 00
To John Burbeen, on abatement of John Houghton, Jr.'s, rate,	000 08 00
To James Converse, on John Burbeen's account for John Priest,	000 05 00
To Capt. Carter, for moneys borrowed in silver £1, 5s., made, as will appear satisfied in the day book, page 121,	002 10 00
To Ensign James Converse, for beef and corn, as page 121 in the day book,	001 03 00
To Samuel Walker, Jr., for corn for Irons, one bushel,	000 03 00
To Samuel Carter, for corn for Irons, one bushel,	000 03 00
To John Brooks, for beef for Irons, formerly, and other things, which is paid, as will appear by the day book, page 122,	000 16 03
To Marshall Michelson, on John Cutler's execution's account, in silver, made other pay paid to Gershom Flagg,	001 00 00
To Joseph Knight, on the same account of execution,	000 10 00
To William Johnson, for deputies diet, October sessions, '78 one pound, seven shillings, silver, made other pay, as appeareth in page 78, and not paid,	02 14 00
And for deputies diet, May sessions, '79, and October sessions, '79, in silver, one and fifty shillings, made other pay,	03 16 06
To John Brooks, for carting wood, satisfied, as in this book, page 87, by William Johnson,	000 16 00
To Joseph Carter, for abatement of his rate on his man's death,	000 06 00
To John Brooks, for rent for his house, as appeareth paid in the day book, page 131,	002 04 00
To William Johnson, for recording, as appeareth page 78, and for going to make up accounts with the treasurer, page 78,	001 05 00
Due to Edward Winn, on balance of accounts, the 5th of January, '79, as will appear in the day book, in page 139, the sum of	004 06 07
To Ensign Converse, for one bushel of Indian corn,	000 03 00

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To Ensign Converse, for two days taking the list,	000	04	00
To Samuel Walker, Jr., for two days taking the list,	000	04	00
To Samuel Carter, for two days on the same account,	000	04	00
To the constables, for paper and warning the inhabitants,	000	08	08
To James Fowle, for expense in the first month, and the last month in the year 1679,	000	15	00
To Samuel Walker, Sen., for expense,	003	00	00
To William Johnson and Ensign Converse, for deputies' diet at a special court, in February, 1679, silver,	001	04	00
More debt by a county rate in (79)	008	02	02
	040	18	06
More of Capt. Carter, one bushel of corn,	000	03	00
More by one rate of Joseph Richardson,	013	19	03
More by one rate of Francis Wyman,	14	01	00
One half rate of Joseph Richardson,	006	19	04½
One half rate of Francis Wyman,	007	00	06
By four rates of Francis Wyman, memorandum,	061	08	09½
By four rates of Joseph Richardson, two of them silver,	064	01	01
[97*] The town creditor in the year 1679.			
By Deacon Josiah Converse,	000	01	00
By Gershom Flagg, on balance of accounts, Mar. 3, '79,	009	11	06
Paid Mr. Thomas Carter, on David Fox's account,	000	05	00
By John Tidd, on balance of accounts, as in the day book (139)	001	17	06
More by Mr. Carter's rate given him to gather,	005	15	00
More by silver, on the account of the two silver rates,	000	16	04
By John Seers, on balance of accounts, Oct. 6, '79, page 139,	004	06	06
By Henry Summers, on balance of accounts, as appeareth in the day book, page 139, entered Sept. 6, 1679,	005	09	00
By a half rate given to the constables, in '79, being a town rate,	014	03	06
By four rates given to the constables to gather,	117	05	01
By one rate given to the constables to gather,	024	04	01
By half a rate more, silver, given to gather,	012	02	0½

Laid out by the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, six acres of land to Lieut. John Wyman, and six acres of land to Francis Wyman, and two acres of land to William Johnson, the whole being fourteen acres, upon the account of swamp bottom on the south side of Mount Playnum Hill, bounded by a line drawn from the land that cometh up from Mr. Samuel Carter's running over the hill to the stake standing toward the north side, and from thence by a line running down to a little white oak near John Seers' field, and then along the highway till it come where it first began, called the Mineral.

[Feb. 13, 1680.] Laid out to John Burbeen, at a place near Horn Pond Hill two acres and half of swamp bottom, in a little swamp near the said hill, in lieu of swamp bottom.

[Feb. 10, 1681.] Also two acres and ¼ more, in lieu of swamp bottom, near Winter Pond, on the west side the highway, being all his right of swamp bottom.

[A committee to lay out Moses Cleveland's land.] The selectmen met, the 7th of Apr., 1679, and appointed John Wright and Thomas Pierce, Jr., a committee to lay out half an acre of land to Moses Cleveland, Jr., adjoining to that he hath already given him, and make return thereof to the selectmen.

Joseph Carter and John Snow are appointed a committee to run the line between the town common and John Wyman's land.

[George Polly's committee to lay out 1 acre and ½.] George Polly, Sen., appearing before the selectmen doth say that he hath given his son George ten acres of land to accommodate him in the town grant, upon which the selectmen appointed Henry Baldwin and John Pierce a committee to lay out to George Polly, Jr., one acre and half, adjoining to the grant of ten acres, on the conditions in the day book, which is provided he have in some measure suitable accommodations.

The 5th of May, 1679, the selectmen met and appointed John Houghton, Sen., to ring the bell, to dig graves, and to cleanse the meeting house.

Elijah Tottingham being convicted before the selectmen for breach of town order about the disease of the small pox, was fined twenty shillings.

The selectmen appointed Samuel Walker, Sen., Gershom Flagg and Increase Winn a committee to hire a herdsman, and to enjoin all persons that have cattle going on the common, except working oxen, [98*] to pay toward the herding, as in the order made by the Honored Major Gookin and Mr. Thomas Danforth, as will appear more at large in page 32.

The selectmen met, the 7th of July, 1679, and agreed that the next lecture day, being the 16th of July, 1679, the inhabitants were to be warned to appear, to consider about the Reverend Mr. Fox's further abode with us.

Whereas, the county court hath appointed that the selectmen of Woburn

should have power to dispose of the Scotch boy abused by his master, Isaac Richardson, they have accordingly disposed of him to Sergeant Thomas Fuller, and taken under his hand for the town's security.

[Mr. Fox's call.] At a meeting of the inhabitants, the 16th of July (79), the inhabitants did unanimously agree and vote, that they would give the Reverend Mr. Jabez Fox a call to the ministry, with an intent he may be called to office in time, if God make way; and also agreed, that for this year they will allow him fifty pounds, one quarter of it in silver, his house rent and his firewood, and afterward enlarge as God shall enable them.

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A country rate made the 28.h of July 1679.

	[£. s. d.]
Capt. John Carter, three persons and estate,	000 12 02
Richard Gardner, his estate,	000 07 00
John Green, one person and estate,	000 02 09
William Johnson, 4 persons and estate,	000 15 00
Matthew Johnson, two persons and estate,	000 08 08
James Converse, Jr., 2 persons and estate,	000 06 08
One person taken off.	
Thomas Pierce, Sen., 3 persons and estate,	000 09 07
Ensign James Converse, 3 persons and estate,	000 10 11
Deacon Josiah Converse, 2 persons and estate,	000 09 02
Mr. William Symmes, his estate,	000 00 03
John Houghton, Jr., a	000 03 06
Samuel Richardson, one person and estate,	000 05 10
Stephen Richardson, one person and estate,	000 05 07
Widow Richardson, one person and estate,	000 07 05
Isaac Richardson, one person and estate,	000 05 05
George Wilkinson, one person,	000 01 08
Jacob Hamlet, one person and estate,	000 03 08
Nath. Richardson, one person and estate,	000 03 11
Isaac Brooks, one person and estate,	000 06 02
Robert Eames, one person and estate,	000 06 02
Thomas Hall, one person and estate,	000 02 06
Joseph Richardson, two persons and estate,	000 09 03
John Richardson, 2 persons and estate,	000 04 04
James Thompson, Jr., one person and estate,	000 04 03
Bartholomew Pearson, one person and estate,	000 06 06
Nehemiah Tottingham, one person and estate,	000 03 07
[92*]. Elijah Tottingham, one person and estate,	000 03 10
John Brooks, one person and estate,	000 06 03
David Roberts, one person and estate,	000 02 02
Henry Brooks, one person and estate,	000 03 01
John Burbeen, one person and estate,	000 03 00
John Mousall, two persons and estate,	000 09 10
Jonathan Thompson, one person and estate,	000 05 06
John Kendall, one person and estate,	000 03 09
Timothy Carter, one person and estate,	000 01 10
Thomas Carter, one person and estate,	000 01 10
Joseph Wright, one person and estate,	000 05 02
Ephraim Buck, one person and estate,	000 04 05
Aaron Cleveland, one person and estate,	000 02 06
John Farrar, his estate,	000 00 10
Joseph Winn, one person and estate,	000 04 01
Gershom Flagg, one person and estate,	000 08 06
John Jaquith, one person and estate,	000 01 11
Widow Jaquith, Jr., her estate,	000 00 06
Samuel Walker, Sen., one person and estate,	000 03 06
John Walker, one person and estate,	000 02 08
James Fowle, 3 persons and estate,	000 08 09

John Wright, one person and estate,	000 04 02
John Seers, one person and estate,	000 04 03
Smuel Converse, one person and estate,	000 05 08
Edward Winn, on his estate,	000 02 06
Thomas Pierce, Jr., one person and estate,	000 04 02
John Russell, three persons and estate,	000 08 06
William Dean, one person and estate,	000 02 00
John Houghton, Sen., 3 persons and estate,	000 06 00
Thomas Lepingwell, one person and estate,	000 03 00
Michael Lepingwell, one person and estate,	000 02 11
Henry Summers, one person and estate,	000 06 00
Joseph Knight, Jr., one person and estate,	000 02 06
William Green, one person and estate,	000 02 00
Moses Cleveland, Sen., one person and estate,	000 04 00
Moses Cleveland, Jr., one person and estate,	000 02 06
George Polly, Sen., one person and estate,	000 04 00
John Polly, one person and estate,	000 01 08
George Polly, Jr., one person and estate,	000 01 11
Thomas Henshaw, one person and estate,	000 02 06
Joseph Carter, one person and estate,	000 03 10
Henry Baldwin, two persons and estate,	000 09 06
John Pierce, one person and estate,	000 04 08
John Snow, one person and estate,	000 04 06
James Snow, one person and estate,	000 03 04
John Baker, Sen., two persons and estate,	000 06 07
John Baker, Jr., one person and estate,	000 02 01
Joseph Pierce, one person and estate,	000 03 03
William Butters, one person and estate,	000 02 06
Francis Wyman, two persons and estate,	000 10 01
Samuel Snow, one person and estate,	000 03 08
[100*]. John Wilson, Sen., one person and estate,	000 03 04
William Wyman, one person and estate,	000 01 11
John Wilson, Jr., one person and estate,	000 03 03
John Wyman, 4 persons and estate,	000 13 08
John Johnson, Sen., 2 persons and estate,	000 04 02
William Locke, two persons and estate,	000 08 00
Samuel Blogget, 3 persons and estate,	000 10 02
George Brush, one person and estate,	000 05 00
Thomas Kendall, one person and estate,	000 02 11
Francis Kendall, 3 persons and estate,	000 08 10
Israel Reed, 2 persons and estate,	000 06 10
George Reed, two persons and estate,	000 10 06
Samuel Walker, Jr., one person and estate,	000 07 06
Samuel Carter, one person and estate,	000 04 05
John Wyman, Jr., one person and estate,	000 01 08
Mark Smallbent, one person and estate,	000 01 08
John Glazier, one person and estate,	000 03 09
Widow Simonds, her estate,	000 00 09
Caleb Simonds, one person and estate,	000 03 10
Joseph Simonds one person and estate,	000 02 00
Benjamin Simonds, one person and estate,	000 03 02
James Simonds, one person and estate,	000 01 11
William Clarke, two persons and estate,	000 04 07
Michael Bacon, one person and estate,	000 05 09
Ralph Reed, one person and estate,	000 05 05

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John Tidd, Sen., one person and estate,	000	05	07
Robert Pierce, two persons and estate,	000	06	10
Joseph Knight, Sen., two persons and estate,	000	06	06
John Knight, one person and estate,	000	01	11
John Crugin, one person and estate,	000	02	01
Widow Wyman, her estate,	000	06	11
Edward Farmer, one person and estate,	000	03	09
William Pierce, one person and estate,	000	02	04
Nathaniel Pierce, one person and estate,	000	03	00
David Fox, one person and estate,	000	01	10
John Tidd, Jr., one person and estate,	000	03	00
Joseph Waters, one person and estate,	000	02	02
John Carter, one person and estate,	000	05	08
Richard Judson, one person and estate,	000	02	00
Mark Pilkinton, one person and estate,	000	01	08
William Reed, one person and estate,	000	01	11
Joshua Sawyer, one person and estate,	000	03	02
Samuel Waters, one person and estate,	000	02	02
William Hamlet, one person and estate,	000	01	08

This rate was paid five times and half to the country this year, the half rate being silver.

[101*] The selectmen met the 10th of Sept., 1679, and appointed Sergeant Thomas Pierce, Deacon Josiah Converse and Sergeant James Converse a committee to settle the bounds between Robert Pierce, his grant of swamp, and the meadow of William Clarke; also to lay out a highway from the meadows that were laid out in the first place.

Agreed with John Brooks about the hire of his dwelling house for the use of Mr. Fox, also the pasturing of his horse, and a convenient garden plot, also twelve bushels of apples fit for his winter's improvement, also to set the house in repair, all to be for the use of the Reverend Mr. Fox, the whole year 1679, for which house, pasturing, apples, garden plot, etc., the town is to pay three pounds and ten shillings, the said John Brooks' rate to be set off in this payment.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JAMES CONVERSE,
SAMUEL CARTER,
SAMUEL WALKER.
SELECTMEN.

LANDLORD. John Brooks.

[Nov. 5, '79.] At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Woburn, voted that they would give the Reverend Mr. Jabez Fox a call to be their minister for his life time, and the town on that consideration agreed to give him half that piece of land reserved for a church officer on the west of John Tidd's land; and half the meadow at Maple Meadow River, also reserved for an officer; and the use of the whole till the town have need of the other half for another officer, and half the woodland in Wood Hill.

[Henry Baldwin's three acres of land near New Bridge.] Laid out to Henry Baldwin three acres of land by the committee, on the account of swamp bottom near New ridge, on the west side the highway, bounded by said highway east, the meadow and swamp north and west, and the land of Joseph Carter south.

The selectmen met, the 3rd of Nov., 1679, ordered that the next second day, being the 10th day of this instant November, the inhabitants of this town shall be warned to meet to consider about the way for procuring wood for the ministry and building a house for Mr. Fox, the constables to give warning to the inhabitants to meet at twelve of the clock.

At this meeting, it was agreed by a unanimous vote of the inhabitants, that the piece of land reserved for an officer near Tottingham's shall be sold to carry, and end the building of Mr. Fox's house, 8th of Dec., 1679.

[Mr. Fox's house.] The eighth day of December, 1679, the inhabitants met according to order, and agreed by their vote, that whereas the town had formerly agreed to build the Reverend Mr. Fox a dwelling-house, twenty four feet in length, eighteen feet wide, and thirteen feet stud, a stack of three brick chimneys, a cellar under it, and a leanto at the chimney end, and so to finish the said house and give it him, now the town did agree upon Mr. Fox's desire, to build the said house forty feet long, eighteen feet wide, and thirteen feet stud, a stack of three chimneys, [102*] and cellar, and finish it, Mr. Fox being willing to allow toward the work twenty and five pounds, and five pounds more, in case that be not sufficient for what is expended for the making the said house sixteen feet longer than was agreed of by the town in the first place, and Deacon Josiah Converse, Ensign James Converse, and William Johnson are appointed a committee to oversee the work and order the same till it be finished, and that price of timber, boards, shingles carting stone, brick, clay, and so forth, to be according to the price drawn up and presented in a paper by the afore-said William Johnson.

[Dean's grant of land.] The 9th of Jan., 1680, whereas the town records in page 23 make mention of three acres and $\frac{1}{4}$ of swamp granted to Richard Post, in the swamp against the end of his lot, between that and the Wyman's ditch, there happening a difference about the bounds, the land was measured, and but three acres found, of which three acres, there was one acre and quarter within John Wyman's ditch; this was done by William Johnson and Sergeant Thomas Pierce, the said Pierce being one that first laid out the said swamp, and there declared to be the right of Richard Post and his successors.

[Thomas Henshaw's land.] The 9th of Jan., 1680, laid out to Thomas Henshaw one acre of upland, formerly granted by the town, on the east side the highway leading to Boggy Meadow, beginning at a white oak (starting?) and running easterly eight poles and alongst the said highway twenty pole northerly, then easterly eight pole, his house standing within the said acre of land.

[Jan. 9, 1680. John Pierce's swamp bottom, 10 acres.] A parcel of land in the lieu of swamp bottom, laid out by the committee to John Pierce, on the west side of Mill Stone Meadow, containing eight acres, abutting eastward on the woodland of Gershom Flagg, and north on the land of Thomas Pierce, Jr., and Joseph Pierce, and westward to the wood land of Joseph Carter, marked on the east end by a white oak and a walnut tree, and then runneth to a little white oak on the south west corner, and then to a small walnut tree on the north west side; and two acres more laid out on the west side of Mill Stone Meadow, abutting eastward to the highway, having the land of Thomas Pierce on the north, and the land of Joseph Pierce south; seven acres of this was taken up on John Russell's account, and three acres on the said John Pierce's account.

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[103*]. [Benjamin Simonds' swamp bottom, 7 acres.] Laid out to Benjamin Simonds, seven acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of land, at a place called Dry Brook, nigh Shawshin Path, in the lieu of swamp bottom, bounded by the said path southwest, and by the wood land of his brother Caleb Simonds south; three acres more laid out adjoining to the foresaid land on the east side, being the grant of Joseph Knight, bounded by Ralph Reed's land southeast, and the wood land of said Reed east, and his own wood land north.

[Robert Pierce's 10 acres of Swamp bottom.] Laid out to Robert Pierce, ten acres of land as swamp bottom, at a place called Long Meadow north end, bounded by the land of Mr. Carter northwest, and by the wood land of Richard Post southwest, and by the wood land of said Robert Pierce southeast and northeast, and on the northeast corner beginning at a stake bounding John Farrar's wood land, from thence to a tree marked in Long Meadow Swamp, from thence to a stake at the rising of a little hill on the south side of the sponge of the said swamp, from thence by a line crossing over the upper end of said swamp, by marked trees, to the line of Joseph Knight's wood land to a white oak, and from thence to the first stake at Farrar's land.

[John Seers's 5 acres swamp bottom.] Laid out to John Seers five acres and ten poles of land in the lieu of swamp bottom, at a place adjoining to Abraham Jaquith's field, near Buck meadow.

[John Wilson's ten acres swamp bottom.] Laid out to John Wilson, Sen., ten acres of land in lieu of swamp bottom, at a place near Wood Hill, coming up to the highway at the one end.

[John Wyman's 14 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ swamp bottom; 3 acres more.] Laid out to Lieut. John Wyman, eleven acres and three quarters, in lieu of swamp bottom, at a place called Wood Hill, bounded and marked; and also three acres more adjoining, to John Cutler's land, coming up to the highway, having the land of Samuel Snow on the north; and 3 acres more near Samuel Wilson's house on the plain.

[Samuel Snow's 3 acres swamp bottom.] Laid out to Samuel Snow three acres of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, adjoining to the foresaid land of John Wyman's and coming up to the highway called Billerica Road.

The 16th of August, 1680, then laid out to William Johnson, upon the account of swamp bottom, two acres of land on the north end of Rag Rock Hill, by the committee appointed for that service; bounded on the north side by the highway that goeth from the west end into the town by John Russell's; and on the east, south and west sides bounded by marked trees.

[EDITORIAL NOTE. This highway from the west end into the town by John Russell's, was that now known by the names of Bedford and Kilby streets. John Russell lived on the Kilby street part, near the present railroad bridge. It is an ancient road, and is shown as an important thoroughfare on the plan of Woburn for the first state map, A. D. 1794.

The pond of the old saw mill at Turkey Hill, mentioned in the following paragraph, was located in the gorge now called by the name of Shaker Glen. Sometime ago Messrs. John Johnson and sons, and one other, visited the spot, and by means of old deeds readily identified the site of the ancient ponds, dams and other features of the old Sawmill brook, which as a stream for business purposes was abandoned apparently by its first occupants long before the remembrance of any one now living.]

[William Johnson's 6 acres of swamp bottom.] Laid out to William Johnson, at or in the pond of the old Sawmill at Turkey Hill, on the account of swamp bottom, 6 acres, it being but a part of the said pond. Also laid out to William Johnson, two acres at the Saw Mill near Pine Meadow, and half an acre above the said meadow on the east side the brook above the upper dam.

[William Locke's seventeen acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of swamp bottom.] The fifth of October, 1680, then laid out by the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, to William Locke near Cambridge line and Poor Meadow, seventeen acres of land on the account of swamp bottom, eight acres of it bought of James Simonds, and the other nine on his own account; also half an acre in the Mill Pond at Pine Meadow, the seventeen acres above said beginneth at a stake in Cambridge line on the north west side of a little swamp, and runneth seventy and two pole on the same line southeastward, then turneth by marked trees through the south end of a little pond, to the side of the Pine Hill, to a stake, and from thence by the side of the said hill, bearing eastward to the line of the lots, and along that line to Poor Meadow.

Laid out to Samuel Blogget in the Mill Ponds at Pine Meadow, one acre and $\frac{1}{2}$, on the account of swamp bottom.

[John Wright's 10 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$.] Laid out to John Wright ten acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, on the east side the highway which leadeth to Boggy Meadow, and is well bounded by marked trees.

Laid out to Lieut. John Wyman, on a little plain near Samuel Wilson's three acres, bound[ed] on the west by the highway, and the common lands elsewhere; this is above recorded.

[104*]. [This rate is in pay, and one third of this to be paid in silver.] A town rate made the 22nd of Dec., 1679, to be gathered three times over in pay, and once in silver, for the building and finishing Mr. Jabez Fox's house.

[£. s. d.]

Imprints Capt. John Carter,	002	00	06
John Green,	000	08	06
Lieutenant William Johnson,	002	12	00
Richard Gardner,	001	01	00
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	001	09	00
Sergt. James Converse,	001	01	09
Sergt. Thomas Pierce,	001	03	03
John Brooks,	001	02	06
Henry Brooks,	000	10	03
Jacob Hamlet,	000	11	00
John Johnson,	000	18	06
William Locke,	001	05	06
Samuel Blogget,	001	15	03
Thomas Kendall,	000	11	06
John Carter,	000	18	09
Francis Kendall,	001	11	09
John Kendall,	000	11	00
Mistress Johnson,	000	03	03
Israel Reed,	001	04	06
George Reed,	001	13	09
Michael Bacon,	001	01	00
Ralph Reed,	000	18	06
Joseph Knight, Sen.,	001	01	03
Robert Pierce,	001	01	03
John Cragin,	000	07	06
Caleb Simonds,	000	12	03
Benjamin Simonds,	000	11	03
James Simonds,	000	07	06
Widow Simonds,	000	03	00
William Clarke,	000	19	09
Thomas Hall,	000	08	09
Samuel Walker, Jr.,	001	06	00
Samuel Carter,	000	15	03
George Brush,	000	07	00
Israel Walker,	000	15	03
William Reed,	000	05	09
John Wilson, Jr.,	000	09	09
John Glazier,	000	11	03
John Johnson, Jr.,	000	05	00
Samuel Pierce,	000	06	00
John Knight,	000	05	03
William Hamlet,	000	06	09
Joseph Winn,	002	09	06
John Wyman, Sen.,	002	05	00
Francis Wyman,	000	12	06
Samuel Snow,	000	08	06
John Farrar,	000	10	00
John Wilson, Sen.,	000	08	03
John Polly,	000	05	09
George Polly, Jr.,	000	11	09
George Polly, Sen.,	000	12	06
Zach. Snow,	000	13	00
Joseph Carter,	000	06	00
William Wyman,	001	08	00
Henry Baldwin,	000	09	06
Joseph Pierce,	000	14	00
John Pierce,	000	06	06
Samuel Waters,	000	07	03
Joseph Waters,	000	11	03

[105*] James Snow,

John Snow,	000	14	06
John Baker, Sen.,	001	03	03
John Baker, Jr.,	000	06	03
William Butters,	000	07	06
David Roberts,	000	08	03
Thomas Henshaw,	000	07	09
Moses Cleveland,	000	13	03
Aaron Cleveland,	000	07	06

Thus far the rates are three times doubled; those following must be doubled 3 times to make equal to what is before.

Henry Summers,	000	06	07
Joseph Knight, Jr.,	000	03	04
Michael Lepingwell,	000	03	00
Thomas Lepingwell,	000	03	00
John Russell,	000	05	04
William Dean,	000	02	08
Thomas Pierce, Jr.,	000	05	06
Edward Winn,	000	04	07
Increase Winn,	000	03	00
Samuel Converse,	000	05	04
Nath. Pierce,	000	03	00
John Seers,	000	05	09
John Wright,	000	05	05

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Samuel Walker,	000	03	06
James Fowls,	000	09	01
John Jaquith,	000	02	00
John Houghton,	000	06	02
David Fox,	000	02	00
Gershom Flagg,	000	08	04
Timothy Carter,	000	02	04
Thomas Carter,	000	02	02
John Tidd, Jr.,	000	03	06
John Mousall,	000	09	10
Ephraim Buck,	000	04	11
Jonathan Thompson,	000	07	07
John Burbeen,	000	02	06
William Hamlet,	000	02	03
Joseph Wright,	000	05	02
Joshua Sawyer,	000	03	06
William Pierce,	000	02	06
William Green,	000	02	07
John Tidd, Sen.,	000	00	00
Deacon Converse,	000	10	04
Ensign James Converse,	000	10	08
John Houghton, Jr.,	000	06	11
Samuel Richardson,	000	06	10
Stephen Richardson,	000	06	05
Widow Richardson,	000	08	03
Isaac Richardson,	000	06	06
Nathaniel Richardson,	000	04	07
Robert Eames,	000	06	04
Joseph Richardson,	000	11	04
James Thompson,	000	04	03
John Richardson,	000	05	00
Bartholomew Pearson,	000	07	08
Nehemiah Tottingham,	000	03	06
Elijah Tottingham,	000	03	07
Zerubbabel Ingraham,	000	01	08
Richard Judson,	000	01	08
John Walker,	000	03	06
Isaac Brooks,	000	08	06
Francis Wyman, for Dunham's house,			
and for his farm,	000	02	00
John Wyman, for his farm,	000	01	06

[1680. Minister's rates.] This rate was doubled four times and half for the ministers' maintenance, and four times for the building of Mr. Fox, his house.

[The middle of Dec., 1680, appeared a very great blazing star, to the wonder of the world.]

Samuel Walker, Jr., Samuel Blogget, and William Locke, are appointed a committee to lay out a highway between Robert Pierce's land and Round Meadow, according to the intent of all former grants, both of land and meadow, and also to view whether it may be convenient to change any land with the said Robert Pierce referring to the premises.

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[EDITORIAL NOTE.—THE GREAT COMET OF 1680.—In the last instalment of the records occurred this entry, "The middle of December, 1680, appeared a very great blazing star, to the wonder of the world." This blazing star was a comet, and is described in a "Discourse concerning Comets, wherein the nature of Blazing Stars is enquired into," by the Rev. Dr. Increase Mather of Boston, published at Boston, in 1683; a copy of which scarce and curious publication formerly belonging to the late Nathan Wyman of this city, is now the property of the Woburn Public Library. It first appeared, in the evening, on Dec. 10, when the blaze only, and not the star, was visible to our residents. On Dec. 12, its blaze appeared very red and fiery, and on Dec. 14, its head was first discerned, the blaze passing to the northward of a well known constellation. On Dec. 16, its appearance was very terrible, the blaze ascended above 60 degrees almost to its zenith, growing continually broader from the head, and was brightest on both ends, the middle considerably darker than either of the sides. At this time apparently our Woburn observers took the greatest notice of it. It soon became smaller and about the middle of February vanished out of sight. This was Newton's comet of 1680, a great comet, and the most remarkable for brilliancy of any, probably, ever seen, of which there is accurate account. For mention of I. Mather's researches on comets see *Mem. Hist. Boston*, vol. iv., p. 491.]

[106*]. The town creditor in the year 1680.

Imprimis.	By four country rates,	[£. s. d.]
two in silver and the other two in corn,		
The two in silver,	053	05 10
The two in corn,	053	05 10
One town rate, amounting to	031	10 00
An overplus in the minister's rate,	006	00 00
Due from Henry Summers, on balance of his constable's account,	003	00 00
Due from John Tidd, Sen., on balance of his constable's account, silver,	000	16 04
And in other pay,	000	17 06
And he is to make out the payment of Mr. Carter's rate, which is,	005	15 05
	151	13 11
More due from Samuel Blogget, in silver, on balance of accounts,	001	13 02
And from William Locke, on balance of accounts,	000	09 02
Due from Samuel Blogget, William Locke and Israel Reed, as part of their six rates, the sum of two pounds, four shillings and six pence, silver,	002	04 06
Of Gershom Flagg, on several accounts,	011	09 10
Due from John Walker, on Iron's account,	000	03 01
From John Cutler, for the land he liveth on, for the year 1679, and for the year 1680, at forty shillings by the year,	004	00 00
	171	13 08
Due from William Locke, for his town rate, in '79, by Francis Wyman,	000	05 00
Paid Lieut. John Wyman, in silver,	000	09 00
Due from John Russell, the sum, as by bill,	000	02 03
There is due from Lieut. John Wyman, on Goodman Farrar's account, on misreckoning,	000	02 06
By a town rate delivered to Robert Eames, in silver, 1681,	006	15 05
From John Wyman, in silver, for a grant of land,	000	10 00
Due from John Wyman, on the balance of four rates, the one half silver, the other half in pay,	000	09 06
By a town rate, part of it for the country, silver, delivered to Samuel Walker to gather,	000	00 00

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Laid out to Gershom Flagg at Frog Hole, eighteen acres on the account of swamp bottom, bounded by Samuel Blagget's meadow east, and west by the land of John Wright, and south by Isaac Cole's wood lot, north by the highway leading to Shred Pine Meadow.

Two acres more, laid out in Frog Hole, bounded by the town Common.

Also fourteen acres more, adjoining to Boggy Meadow highway, leading to the Saw mill, bounded by said way, and by the land of Aaron Cleveland northwest, and by the town Common south.

Also one acre and half, on the north of Dunham's land, bounded by Henry Baldwin north, and two highways west and southerly, and Moses Cleveland northwest.

[Aaron Cleveland's grant laid out.] Laid out to Aaron Cleveland, adjoining to his barn, half an acre of land, according to a town grant.

[Will. Johnson's, John Wyman's and Francis Wyman's grant on Mount Playnum Hill.] The 10th of August, 1680, then laid out by the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, to William Johnson, John Wyman, and Francis Wyman, fifteen acres of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, on the southeast part of Mount Playnum Hill, bounded by a straight line drawn from the highway leading from George Brush, his house, and so right over the hill to a heap of stones on the top of said hill on the northward side, and from thence to a heap of stones amongst some small pines, and from thence to a little oak near the highway leading to Billerica, and from thence to a great rock, and by the east side the pit, and then by the highway, signified by marked trees, to the heap of stones at Brush's highway, where it first begun; that is to say, three acres to William Johnson, and six acres apiece to said Wymans.

[107*]. The town debtor in the year 1680.

	[£. s. d.]
<i>Imprimis.</i> To the treasurer, in silver,	048 05 10
And in other pay,	048 05 10
Due to John Tidd, Jr., for fencing Mr. Fox's field,	004 04 00
Due to William Johnson, for deputies' diet on the balance of accounts, silver, as appeareth in the day book, page 148, the sum of	005 00 10
Also due to William Johnson, in other pay, for recording in the year 1680, and other day's works, and copies due on balance, as in the day book, page 148,	01 08 06
To Ensign James Converse, for running lines, a day at court, and a day at Mistick Bridge, taking a list, and warning the inhabitants in ('80), as will appear by the day book, page 148,	001 05 06
To Ensign James Converse, for deputies' diet, as on balance in the day book, page 148, in silver,	003 07 06
Due to John Wright, Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson, Lieut. Wyman and Joseph Wright, the sum of in silver,	000 07 06
To John Farrar, for attendance of Irons, from the 6th of July, 1680, to the eighth of Feb., 1681, in silver, 30 weeks and 6 days,	003 17 00
And in other pay the sum of	004 13 00
To James Fowle, for expense before the year eighty-one, balance,	001 13 08
Also to James Fowle, in silver, for paper; to Goodwife Gilson, for a blanket, sugar, spice and rum,	000 12 06
To Samuel Walker, Sen., for expense,	000 13 02
To William Johnson, for two days to make up accounts with the treasurer,	000 04 00
To John Brooks, for rent for his house, and half a cord of wood, and what rest due to him, on the last balance, of which there is paid, as appeareth in the day book, page 134,	003 15 11
To John Wyman, for weights and measures, with the sealing, in silver,	000 09 00
And for carriage of them, in other pay,	000 03 00
Due to Edward Winn, for Irons' attendance,	001 18 08
To Samuel Walker, Jr., on balance of accounts, in the day book, page (150)	000 05 04
To James Fowle, for expense by the townsmen, in the year 1680	
To Samuel Carter, for taking lists of the town's estate, and a bushel of corn,	000 03 06
To John Richardson for running Reading line,	000 02 06
	131 09 11

To the Widow Converse, for schooling,	000 10 00
To Jonathan Thompson, for ringing the bell, and sweeping the meeting house,	001 10 00
To James Fowle, for expense in the year 1680,	003 14 00
To James Fowle, for silver laid out for a rug for Irons,	000 02 00
Due for a county rate in the year 1680,	008 00 10
Due to Deacon Converse, for Mr. Fox's apple trees, to Mr. Danforth,	001 00 00
Due to Deacon Converse, for wood for Mr. Fox, 3 cord,	000 18 00
Paid Gershom Flagg, on Mr. Fox's house account,	005 15 00
Paid Gershom Flagg, for Edward Winn, on Irons' account,	001 06 04
Paid to Edward Irons' necessity, silver,	000 09 00
To Lieutenant Wyman, for expense about Irons,	003 15 03
And in silver, for Irons,	001 07 07
Due to Ensign Converse, for deputy's diet, 4th of January, 1680,	000 11 03
Due to William Johnson, for deputy's diet, 4th January, 1680,	000 11 03
Due to John Burbeen, in 'batement of rates,	000 06 05
Due to James Fowle, for a pair of shoes for Irons, and other charges,	000 14 00
Due to Joshua Sawyer, for work on the meeting house,	000 09 07
Due to Ensign Converse, for deputy's diet,	001 15 00

Due to William Johnson, for deputy's diet,	001 15 00
	034 10 06
	165 16 05
In the year 1681, due to the treasurer, The 13th of June, 1681, to the selectmen,	003 01 00
More by Ensign Converse, on his rate for deputy's diet,	001 05 00
Due to William Johnson, for deputy's diet, silver, May, 1681,	000 05 04
Paid by John Wyman, silver, to the selectmen, for a grant of land,	002 00 00
Paid by John Wyman, by two troopers,	000 10 00
Due to Isaac Brooks, for wolves,	000 03 10
More by a country rate,	001 10 00
For keeping Irons, from the eighth of Feb., 1681, to the 14th of June, 1681, the sum of	008 02 02
	004 05 00
	186 18 09
To William Johnson, for deputy's diet, the sessions of the General Court, October, 1681, the sum of silver,	001 10 00

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[108*] The inhabitants met, the 24th of Feb., 1680, and chose officers for the ensuing year 1680, which are as followeth:

SELECTMEN.—Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, John Wright, Francis Kendall.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS.—John Mousall, Henry Baldwin, Robert Pierce, Deacon Converse, John Richardson.

CONSTABLES.—Lieut. John Wyman, Joseph Wright.

SEALER OF MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—James Fowle.

SURVEYORS OF FENCES.—Samuel Carter, Thomas Pierce, Jr., Israel Walker.

TO LOOK AFTER THE SWINE.—Henry Summers.

AND TO ASSIST HIM.—Isaac Brooks, John Tidd.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTRY RATE.—Mr. Samuel Carter.

FOR DEPUTIES TO SERVE AT THE GENERAL COURT.—Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse.

[An order about swine.] Voted, that that clause in the order about yoking swine, from the tenth of March from henceforth, shall be from the first of April, and those that are appointed to look after the swine shall have one quarter part of the fines they get, for their labor; it is also ordered that those persons chosen the last year, shall have the one quarter part of what they received on the same account.

[Joshua Sawyer's grant of smith's shop.] Joshua Sawyer is granted liberty to set a smith's shop on the west side the street to the northward of Samuel Walker's fence, provided he live in the town seven years.

Henry Baldwin is granted liberty to move his fence at his house by New Bridge, by the advice of the selectmen.

[Joseph Winn's grant.] Joseph Winn is granted the bottom of swamp near his house, where the top is his own.

At a meeting of the selectmen, on the first of March, 1680, Thomas Pierce, Jr., is granted that piece of land that is taken in within his fence, near Boggy Meadow, provided it damnify not the highway or come in to any propriety.

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Tithingmen chosen for the year 1680, and sworn: Deacon Josiah Converse, Sergeant Matthew Johnson, John Mousall, John Richardson, Sergeant Henry Baldwin, John Seers, Samuel Snow, Robert Pierce, William Locke, Lieut. John Wyman.

These tithingmen had each of them their proportion of families to take care of, as will appear in the day book. [Vol. 2 of Records.]

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—TITHINGMEN: LIST OF THE HEADS OF FAMILIES IN WOBURN IN 1680.—The tithingmen had the oversight of their neighbors and saw that they kept good order in their houses. To aid them in doing this the inhabitants were distributed into companies of ten families each, inclusive of the family of the overseer; the number ten giving the meaning to the word. As these families were grouped as neighbors, the members of each group from necessity were families whose dwellings were to some extent adjacent, and from such a list of all the heads of families in Woburn in 1680, preserved in Volume 2 of the Town Records, and grouped under the names of their respective tithingmen, we get not only the information who these persons were, but also a definite idea of the section of the town in which to find their residence. No entry in Volume 2 of the records is probably of greater importance, and the entry is inserted entire here. It is not known to have been printed before in its fullness; and considering its great value in the light of present research, it is singular that it should have been overlooked hitherto. In order to make the list more clear, a few figures and explanations are inserted in brackets.]

1680. [1] Persons appointed for the inspection of Deacon Josiah Converse as tithingman: [Residence of tithingman, the present Winchester Centre; this is definite. The following nine persons were residents of the Winchester section of Woburn.]

John Houghton, Samuel Richardson, Stephen Richardson, Widow Richardson, Isaac Richardson, Nathaniel Richardson, Capt. Carter, Ensign Converse, John Carter.

[2] Persons appointed for the inspection of Sergeant Matthew Johnson as tithingman: [Residence of tithingman was either Woburn or Winchester West Side, and the following nine persons resided not far from the present line of both places.]

Isaac Brooks, John Burbean, John Green, Sergeant Thomas Pierce, Henry Brooks, John Brooks, William Johnson, Sergeant James Converse, Jacob Hamlet.

[3] Persons appointed for the inspection of William Locke as tithingman: [Residence of Locke was Woburn West Side, and his nine were residents of Woburn West Side and Burlington, near present line on same side.]

Joseph Wright, William Hamlet, Israel Reed, George Reed, Samuel Walker, John Johnson, Samuel Blogget, Thomas Kendall, Francis Kendall.

[4] Persons appointed for Robert Pierce to oversee as tithingman: [Robert Pierce resided on the westerly part of the present North Woburn village section, near the present junction of the Woburn, Wilmington and Burlington lines, and his nine resided in Burlington westerly section, and some of them adjoining Billerica line.]

Ralph Reed, Caleb Simonds, Michael Bacon, John Glazier, John Cragin, Joseph Knight, Nicholas Rice, Cyprian Stevens, John Wilson, Jr.

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[5] Persons appointed for Samuel Snow to oversee as tithingman, [Samuel Snow resided in the "Hungary Plain" district, southwesterly of present North Woburn village, and his group were mostly residents of the southwesterly portion of North Woburn, including part of present Wyman street.]

Moses Cleveland, Aaron Cleveland, Joseph Knight, Jr., Thomas Henshaw, Francis Wyman, John Farrar, John Wilson, Sen., Zachariah Snow, Joseph Carter.

[6] John Seers appointed to oversee these persons following and families; [Burlington: southeasterly part near the present line, and extending northerly to Burlington Centre.]

William Dean, Samuel Converse, Thomas Pierce, Jr., Edward Winn, Increase Winn, Henry Summers, Thomas Lepingwell, William Green.

[7] Persons appointed for Henry Baldwin to oversee as tithingman: [Residence of tithingman southerly part of present North Woburn village: group comprised portions of Burlington, and North Woburn, and extended northward towards Wilmington.]

John Walker, William Butters, Samuel Waters, John Pierce, George Polly, Sen., George Polly, Jr., John Baker, John Snow, James Snow, David Roberts.

[8] Families under John Mousall as tithingman: [All residents of Woburn Centre, and extending to the present Almshouse district into Wilmington.]

John Houghton, Gershom Flagg, John Tidd, Jonathan Thompson, James Fowle, Samuel Walker, Sen., Widow Jaquith, Ephraim Buck, John Wright, Joshua Sawyer, David Fox.

[9] Families for John Wyman to oversee as tithingman: [Vicinity of Cummingsville: including some of Wyman's Lane; the last named member of the group was son of the minister, and probably resided at or near the present Woburn Centre.]

Widow Simonds, William Clarke, Benjamin Simonds, George Brush, Israel Walker, Thomas Hall, Joseph Winn, Samuel Carter.

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One tithingman, John Richardson, appears to have been reserved for a vacancy in the officers. For a reference to this subject, see Sewall's Hist. Wob., p. 49, note, and The Winchester Record, vol. i., pp. 276-277.]

The Widow Converse was appointed to teach such children as shall be sent to her for the present year 1680.

[Joshua Sawyer's shop land.] Laid out to Joshua Sawyer a piece of the land on the brow of the hill against John Seers's barn, for a smith's shop, according to former grant, it being sixteen feet broad, and thirty feet in the length.

A meeting of the selectmen, the 5th of July, 1680, Constable John Wyman was ordered to take care of Edward Irons, and provide for him what may be for his necessary supply and put it to the town's account.

[109*]. The selectmen met the 2nd of Aug., 1680.

[The town's standards.] Constable John Wyman brought the town's standards, namely, one half bushel, one peck, one ter ale pint, one pewter ale quart, one pewter half pint, one four pound weight of lead, one pound weight, one half pound weight, also one ell and one yard; all sealed and proved, according to a law made the General Court of election in the year eighty; all of them delivered to Increase Winn, sealer.

[Town rate.] Agreed that there be a general meeting appointed of the inhabitants for their approbation in making a town rate, which was accordingly warned and the said inhabitants met the 13th of Dec., 1680, and agreed that the selectmen should make a rate, the one half of it to be paid in silver, for the defraying of all necessary charges belonging to the town.

The selectmen met, the 20th of Dec. 1680, and made a rate for the town, which is as followeth; doubled four times, and half for the maintenance of the ministers, and one quarter of the whole to be paid in silver; also one rate for the town expense, the one half of it in silver; the persons and their several proportions are in this list following:

Imprimis to Richard Gardner,	£.	s.	d.
Capt. John Carter,	000	10	00
John Green,	000	13	09
William Johnson,	000	02	10
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	000	01	01
Sergt. James Converse, Jr.,	000	08	11
Jacob Hamlet,	000	05	10
Sergt. Thomas Pierce,	000	03	08
John Johnson,	000	07	08
William Locke,	000	04	07
Samuel Blogget,	000	11	02
Thomas Kendall,	000	12	07
Francis Kendall,	000	04	06
	000	10	08

Israel Reed,	000	07	01
Joseph Wright,	000	05	06
John Kendall,	000	04	05
Samuel Walker, Jr.,	000	10	07
George Reed,	000	11	06
Michael Bacon,	000	08	03
Ralph Reed,	000	06	01
Caleb Simonds,	000	04	05
James Simonds,	000	02	07
Robert Pierce,	000	07	05
Joseph Knight,	000	05	07
John Cragin,	000	02	05
Cyprian Stevens,	000	04	00
Nicholas Rice,	000	04	10
John Wilson, Jr.,	000	03	08
John Glazier,	000	04	00
Francis Wilson,	000	01	11
Thomas Hall,	000	02	06
Benjamin Simonds,	000	04	02
Widow Simonds,	000	00	08
William Clarke,	000	06	02
Israel Walker,	000	05	05
Samuel Carter,	000	05	04
George Brush,	000	05	03
William Hamlet,	000	02	00
John Cutler,	000	03	03
Joseph Winn,	000	08	04
Lieut. John Wyman,	000	16	00
John Farrar,	000	03	10
[110*] Samuel Snow,	000	04	06
Zach. Snow,	000	03	09
Francis Wyman,	000	14	02
Joseph Carter,	000	04	05
William Wyman,	000	05	06
John Baker, Sen.,	000	02	08
John Baker, Jr.,	000	05	05
James Snow,	000	03	02
Joseph Pierce,	000	03	08
Samuel Waters,	000	03	05
John Pierce,	000	04	09
Henry Baldwin,	000	10	02
William Butters,	000	02	03
John Walker,	000	03	02
David Roberts,	000	03	00
George Polly, Sen.,	000	04	01
George Polly, Jr.,	000	02	00
Moses Cleveland,	000	04	03
Thomas Henshaw,	000	03	00
Aaron Cleveland,	000	02	02
Joseph Waters,	000	02	07
William Green,	000	04	00
William Dean,	000	02	04

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Thomas Pierce, Jr.,	000	03	05
Henry Summers,	000	08	00
Joseph Knight, Jr.,	000	05	00
Michael Lepingwell,	000	01	08
Thomas Lepingwell,	000	04	03
Samuel Converse,	000	05	00
Increase Winn,	000	04	01
John Seers,	000	05	10
John Wright,	000	05	00
Joshua Sawyer,	000	03	07
James Fowle,	000	09	00
Samuel Walker, Sen.,	000	02	00
John Jaquith,	000	02	00
John Houghton, Sen.,	000	06	03
William Pierce,	000	02	02
Nath. Pierce,	000	02	10
Gershom Flagg,	000	06	00
Timothy Carter,	000	03	00
Thomas Carter,	000	02	03
John Tidd,	000	03	06
Jonathan Thompson,	000	05	07
John Burben,	000	03	09
John Mousall,	000	10	00
Ephraim Buck,	000	05	01
Henry Brooks,	000	03	02
John Brooks,	000	10	10
Isaac Brooks,	000	06	10
Elijah Tottingham,	000	03	00
Nehemiah Tottingham,	000	03	08
Joseph Richardson,	000	08	06
James Thompson,	000	05	04
John Richardson, Sen.,	000	04	00
John Richardson, Jr.,	000	03	04
Bartholomew Pearson,	000	07	00
Samuel Chadwick,	000	01	08
Robert Eames,	000	08	06
Nath. Richardson,	000	05	01
Isaac Richardson,	000	08	08
Widow Richardson,	000	09	11
[111*]. Samuel Richardson,	000	07	03
Stephen Richardson,	000	07	03
John Houghton, Jr.,	000	06	08
Deacon Josiah Converse,	000	13	00
Ensign James Converse,	000	12	01
Richard Judson,	000	01	11
Robert Dale,	000	01	08
Samuel Pierce,	000	03	02
John Carter, Jr.,	000	06	06
John Bateman,	000	02	09
John Abbott,	000	01	08
Zerubbabel Ingraham,	000	01	08

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[Grant of two acres of land to Samuel Waters.] The 13th of Dec. 1680, at a general town meeting, there was granted to Samuel Waters two acres of land on the west side of the highway, over and against Joseph Pierce's house, for the said Waters to build on, provided he, the said Waters, continue in the town seven years, and not sell the said land within the said time.

[John Baker, Jr., grant of land.] The 13th of Dec., 1680, then granted at a general meeting to John Baker, Jr., one acre of land on the west side the highway, over and against his father's house, provided he stay in the town seven years.

[John Wilson's grant.] The 13th of Dec., 1680, granted at a general town meeting, liberty for John Wilson, Jr., to set his fence on the town Common for the advantage of fencing in his meadow at Step Brook, provided the upland and timber be not by the said grant John Wilson's, which he, the said Wilson, shall enclose by said grant.

[Jan. 19, 1681.] Reckoned with Gershom Flagg on all accounts to this day, and all balanced as to Mr. Fox's house, he finishing all the brick work, and the on town account, and there is due from the said Flagg, £001 10s. 00d.

[An order about the field, called Mount Playnum Field.] The 10th of March, 1684. the proprietors of the great field, wherein the Simonds' land lyeth, viz: Ralph Reed, Caleb Simonds, Benjamin Simonds, John Locke, and John Johnson, Jr., in the behalf of Richard Post's land, these proprietors met and agreed about their said field, about fencing and feeding the same for the future; their fence, by measure, comes to almost five poles upon an acre; and Ralph Reed having twenty-one acres of land, his fence is to begin at Caleb Simonds' corner, and so run along his own land, 107 poles and $\frac{1}{2}$; and Caleb Simonds hath 25 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$, and he is to take his fence from Ralph's fence, next his own land, down to Benjamin's land, 96 poles, and to do the rest of his proportion in the partition fence between Mr. Samuel Carter's land and the said great field (namely 27 poles); and Benjamin Simonds is to make the front fence against his own land, 48 poles and 36 poles and $\frac{1}{2}$, on the northeast side of the field, up from Ralph Reed's fence, and 13 poles and $\frac{1}{2}$ next John Locke's barn; and John Locke is to do 64 poles, namely, the rest of his outside fence to the east corner, and then to do that piece at the northeast end, to the brook, over and above his share, because of the great crook in his fence, and so thirteen poles and one half in the partition fence, next his own fence, by the brook; and George Brush is to do all the fence that he did afore, namely 46 poles and two poles and one half in the aforesaid partition fence. John Johnson is to make all his fence against his land, that was Richard Post's land, that he did afore, namely, 74 poles and 6 poles and half of the partition fence; and that these fences are to be set up sufficiently, at or before the first of April every year, and so kept up until two months after Michaelmas every year; and every proprietor is to put in cattle to feed the aforesaid pasture, one beast upon two acres of land that lyeth in common in said field, and no proprietor is to feed or bait his cattle in said field until all Indian corn is gathered out of the field, unless it be horses and oxen when they are at work in the said field, and that upon their own land, on penalty of paying twelve pence a head for all cattle that shall be so baited (contrary to this order) to the proprietors; and every proprietor that shall not set up and keep up his fence, according to this order, shall pay two shillings a day to the proprietors for his neglect therein, until it be set up, and all the damages that shall come to any man, either by neglect of fencing or feeding their cattle, as aforesaid, besides the aforesaid penalty.

In consideration hereof we the aforesaid proprietors have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written.

RALPH REED,
CALEB SIMONDS,
BENJAMIN SIMONDS,
JOHN JOHNSON, JR.
JOHN LOCKE,
GEORGE BRUSH, 0 his, mark.

Witness:
James Converse,
Obadiah Johnson.

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[112*]. The 22nd of February, 1681, the inhabitants met and chose officers for the year 1681.

SELECTMEN.—John Wright, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Sergt. Henry Baldwin, Mr. Samuel Carter, Samuel Blogget.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS.—William Locke, Samuel Richardson, Increase Winn, Sergt. Thomas Pierce, John Baker.

CONSTABLES.—Robert Eames, Samuel Walker, Jr. COMMISSIONER FOR TO JOIN WITH THE SELECTMEN.—Joseph Richardson.

SURVEYORS FOR FENCES.—John Mousall, James Fowle.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—James Fowle.

SEALER OF MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

TO LOOK AFTER THE SWINE.—John Kendall, and Israel Reed and Nathaniel Pierce to assist him.

[An order about swine.] Voted, and agreed, at this meeting, that whereas swine were formerly to pay by their owners twelve pence, for want of a yoke, and twelve pence for want of a ring, from this time forward, it shall be but sixpence for want of a yoke, and sixpence for want of a ring, and this to be in country pay or three pence in silver.

[Samuel Wilson's grant of land.] Voted, and granted to Samuel Wilson a piece of land, lying to the westward of John Wyman's field, near Shawshin path between said field and his father Wilson's land, on which his house standeth, it being about one acre and half.

[Samuel Walker's grant of land.] Granted to Samuel Walker, Sen., enlargement of land, at the south east end of his barn, so far as a committee appointed by the selectmen shall see meet.

[Benoni Macreast's grant of land.] Granted to Benoni Macreast, that piece of land by the house, that was formerly Isaac Cole's, on the same terms that Samuel Reed was to have it.

[Nehemiah Tottingham's grant.] Granted to Nehemiah Tottingham half an acre of land on the gravel hill, adjoining to his own land, on the left hand of the way to Reading.

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[113*] [Lieut. Wyman's grant of swamp, the top bought of Thomas Pierce, Jr.] Granted to Lieut. John Wyman one acre and half, or thereabouts, lying next his own land, and John Russell's, the top being his own, he paying ten shillings in silver to the town for it, which is done.

[Choice of tithingmen.] Thomas Pierce, Jr., John Burbeen, John Snow, Joseph Winn, Michael Bacon, Francis Kendall, James Converse, Joseph Richardson. All sworn but Francis Kendall.

[Mar. 7, 1681.] The selectmen met, and calling before them Jacob Hamlet and he being convicted of breach of a town order, by entertaining Josiah Hobbs as an inmate, was fined fourteen shillings.

[Mar. 7, 1681. Isaac Brooks' bond for Smallbent.] These presents bind me, Isaac Brooks, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to stand indebted to John Wright of the town of Woburn, for the said town's use fifty pounds silver, to be paid by the first of May next ensuing the date hereof. March, sixteen hundred eighty one.

The conditions of the above written obligation is such, that if the said Isaac Brooks, or his heirs and assigns, shall discharge the town of Woburn of all charges that may arise by his entertaining Mark Smallbent, an inhabitant in said town, then this obligation to be void and of non effect, otherways to stand in full force and virtue.

ISAAC BROOKS.

Witness:

William Johnson.

Samuel Carter.

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[Apr. 4, 1681.] The proprietors of the land of Nod were warned to run their bounds between them and this town, which accordingly was done.

Laid out to Richard Gardner, the 9th of March, 1681, six acres of land, on the east side of Horn Pond Hill, bounded by the highway east, and John Burbeen's woodland north, and the woodland of Richard Gardner west, and the land of Matthew Johnson south and southwest, all in lieu of swamp bottom.

[May 2, 1681.] Voted, that every selectman should help Goodman Farrar for keeping Irons, with a bushel of Indian corn apiece.

A general meeting of the inhabitants, the 15th of June, 1681.

[Town rate.] Then voted, that whereas the selectmen have made a rate to be levied of the inhabitants, which amounts to half a single country rate, all of it be paid in silver, the constables shall forthwith gather the same, it being necessary to pay what is due to the treasurer and town's expenses; also voted that the selectmen should take Henry Summers' debt of three pounds.

[Town rate.] Also voted that there shall be half a rate gathered of the inhabitants in pay, according to former town order, which is to be paid as the country rate is paid.

[Order about wells, 1681.] The 4th of July, 1681. For prevention of damage that may come by wells in the town of Woburn, that are not enclosed, it's ordered by the selectmen that all such wells shall be secured with a cover, inch and half thick, sufficiently hung by the twentieth day of this instant, upon penalty of ten shillings, to be paid to the town's use by all such as make use of said wells and if [114*] the said wells be left uncovered by such as use them, or any other, for every such defect the parties so doing shall pay two shillings, the one half to the informer, and the other half to the town's use.

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[Pay for those that are to look after swine.] Agreed with those that are to look after the swine, shall have the one half of the fines they gather for their labor, they giving a true account of all receipts, and this to be all they are to receive.

[Highway work.] Ordered by the selectmen that the surveyors shall forthwith work out at the highways one half rate of all the inhabitants.

[Samuel Wilson's land laid out June 17, 1681.] Laid out to Samuel Wilson, according to a town grant, the 22nd of February, 1680, a parcel of land at a little plain at the foot of Forest Field Hill, between his father's land and John Wyman's; it runneth the whole length of his father's land.

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The selectmen met the 29th of August, 1681, and made a country rate according to warrant from the treasurer.

	£.	s.	d.
<i>Imprints</i> to Richard Gardner,	000	07	00
Capt. John Carter,	000	10	08
John Bateman,	000	02	01
Lieut. William Johnson,	000	19	00
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	000	07	02
Sergt. James Converse,	000	04	07
Jacob Hamlet,	000	03	10
Josiah Hobbs,	000	01	08
Sergt. Thomas Pierce,	000	09	03
Samuel Pierce,	000	03	00
Henry Brooks,	000	01	10
John Brooks,	000	09	06
Isaac Brooks,	000	06	04
Ensign James Converse,	000	11	00
Deacon Josiah Converse,	000	13	04
John Houghton, Jr.,	000	05	09
Stephen Richardson,	000	05	08
Samuel Richardson,	000	05	11
Widow Richardson,	000	08	07
Isaac Richardson,	000	06	08
Nath. Richardson,	000	04	06
Robert Eames,	000	08	01
John Richardson, Jr.,	000	03	04
James Thompson,	000	05	00
Joseph Richardson,	000	07	04
John Richardson, Sen.,	000	02	05
Bartholomew Pearson,	000	05	00
Nehemiah Totttingham,	000	03	06
Elijah Totttingham,	000	03	09
John Johnson, Sen.,	000	06	06
William Locke,	000	10	05
Samuel Blogget,	000	10	06
Thomas Kendall,	000	03	11
Francis Kendall,	000	08	06
John Kendall,	000	04	02
Israel Reed,	000	03	08
George Brush,	000	04	07
Israel Walker,	000	05	01
Mr. Samuel Carter,	000	04	10
William Clarke,	000	08	00
Widow Simonds,	000	09	09
James Simonds,	000	02	05
Thomas Hall,	000	02	00
[115*] Benjamin Simonds,	000	03	06
Samuel Walker, Jr.,	000	10	07
George Reed,	000	10	04
Michael Bacon,	000	07	01
Ralph Reed,	000	05	04
William Reed,	000	01	11
Joseph Knight, Sen.,	000	04	05
Robert Pierce,	000	06	04
John Cragin,	000	02	03
John Wilson, Jr.,	000	04	07
William Wyman,	000	01	08
Samuel Wilson,	000	01	08
John Cutler,	000	03	00
William Green,	000	02	07
John Wilson, Sen.,	000	03	00
Francis Wilson,	000	01	11
Joseph Winn,	000	05	07
Lieut. John Wyman,	000	15	00
John Farrar,	000	01	00
Francis Wyman,	000	09	00
Samuel Snow,	000	03	06
Zach. Snow,	000	03	01
Joseph Carter,	000	03	09
William Butters,	000	02	05
John Walker,	000	02	09
John Baker, Sen.,	000	06	09
John Baker, Jr.,	000	02	02
John Snow,	000	04	07
James Snow,	000	02	09
Joseph Pierce,	000	03	04
John Pierce,	000	05	00
Sergt. Henry Baldwin,	000	10	08
George Polly, Sen.,	000	04	00
Joseph Wright,	000	05	00
Thomas Carter,	000	02	00
Timothy Carter,	000	00	03
William Hamlet,	000	00	03
John Tidd,	000	03	06
Jonathan Thompson,	000	06	11
John Burbeen,	000	04	00
David Roberts,	000	02	05
John Mousall,	000	08	04
Ephraim Buck,	000	04	06
Gershom Flagg,	000	05	00
Robert Dale,	000	02	00
Abraham Gorton,	000	01	08
Samuel Walker, Sen.,	000	00	06
John Jaquith,	000	01	08
James Fowle,	000	06	00
John Carter,	000	06	04
John Wright,	000	04	00
John Seers,	000	03	07
Joshua Sawyer,	000	03	02
Samuel Converse,	000	03	08
Nath. Pierce,	000	02	05

Increase Winn,	000	04	03
Thomas Pierce,	000	04	06
William Dean,	000	01	11
Michael Lepingwell,	000	00	02
Thomas Lepingwell,	000	04	01
Henry Summers,	000	03	04
Joseph Knight, Jr.,	000	04	00
Samuel Waters,	000	02	08
Moses Cleveland,	000	03	09
Aaron Cleveland,	000	02	00
Daniel Baldwin,	000	01	08
[116*] John Reed,	000	01	08
Thomas Henshaw,	000	02	06
Robert Houghton,	000	02	05
John Locke,	000	01	10
Mistress Johnson,	000	00	08
Caleb Simonds,	000	04	03
John Johnson, Sen.,	000	06	00
John Johnson, Jr.,	000	01	08
Richard Judson,	000	02	00
David Fox,	000	02	00

[Oct. 3, 1681.] The selectmen met and called James Fowle to account for entertaining two inmates, contrary to a town order, and took bond of said Fowle to the value of £100, to save the town harmless from all charges that might arise by his entertaining James Beale and William Beale, as will appear at large in the day book, page the 11; and also the said Fowle is bound for Abraham Gorton, as will [appear] in the day book and page the 11.

[Samuel Walker's bond for Vickers.] At the same meeting also Samuel Walker, Sen., gave bond for Thomas Vickers, to the value of sixty pounds, to save the town harmless as to what charge may arise to said town, as will appear at large in the day book, page the 11.

[Oct. 3, 1681.] Agreed with John Brooks for the keeping of George Wilkinson, which is as followeth: that the said Brooks shall keep the said Wilkinson from the 29th day of Oct., 1681, till the 29th of September following, and to have three pounds and eight shillings in pay to find him provision, clothes, and bedding all the said time, unless extraordinary sickness fall in.

[Nov. 7, 1681.] The selectmen met and reckoned with John Farrar about his keeping Edward Irons, as will appear in the day book, page the 12.

The return of the committee appointed to settle the bounds of Bartholomew Pearson's fourteen acres of land, namely William Johnson and Ensign James Converse:

[Pearson's land, the bounds settled.] Whereas, we, William Johnson [and James Converse] are appointed a committee to settle the bounds of two parcels of land, namely fourteen acres belonging to Bartholomew Pearson, and the other a little plain reserved in the town's hands for an officer; we say we laid out to John Richardson, attorney for said Pearson, fourteen acres of land; and we measured the other parcel, and find it about eight acres, allowing two pole for the country highway; we also viewed a tract of land at Bartholomew Pearson's old house, and find by the neighbors the bounds difficult, and advise they be settled speedily or the town may suffer damage; the 7th of Nov., 1681.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JAMES CONVERSE.

[Wright's bond.] At the same meeting, Joseph Wright gave bond to the value of fifty pounds, to save the town harmless, for entertaining his mother-in-law, Goodwife Hassell, as in the day book will appear at large, page 13.

[Dec. 5, 1681.] The selectmen met and made a town rate for the defraying public charge, civil and ecclesiastical, as in the day book, page 14, will appear particularly.

[Samuel Blogget's land at Weaver's Meadow]. Laid out to Samuel Blogget, on the account of swamp bottom, thirteen acres, being on both sides Weavers' Meadow, the which he had of Gershom Flagg, and is bounded by stakes on the north of said meadow, and that piece is five acres; the other seven is on the south side the said meadow, and bounded by Cambridge line on the southwest, and marked trees on the north and on the brow, and by the brook on the east, all well and firmly butted and bounded.

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[117*]. The town of Woburn debtor, as followeth, in the year 1681, as will appear by the daybook, page 19, the sum of £125 08s. 00d.

And creditor as appeareth page the 18, the sum of £117 11s. 05d.

[Buck's sale of land.] The selectmen met the 6th day of Feb., 1682, and agreed with Ephraim Buck about a parcel of land, sold to the said Buck, lying near the east end of Mr. Bunker's lot, by estimation eight acres, be it more or less, for which the said Buck is to pay twenty pounds and to give a deed of the said land.

The 23rd of February, the inhabitants met and chose officers for the year 1682.

SELECTMEN.—Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Francis Kendall, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Mr. Samuel Carter.

FOR CONSTABLES.—George Reed, Sergt. James Converse.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE RATE.—Lieut John Wyman.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS.—Sergt. Matthew Johnson, John Snow, Joseph Knight, Sen., Isaac Richardson, Thomas Pierce, Jr.

SURVEYORS FOR FENCES.—Sergt. Pierce, Joseph Wright, Nath. Pierce.

SEALER FOR LEATHER.—James Fowle.

SEALER FOR MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

FOR THE SWINE.—Joseph Pierce, Samuel Waters, Samuel Pierce.

FOR DEPUTY TO SERVE AT THE GENERAL COURT, 1682, CHOSEN.—Lieut. William Johnson.

[Capt. Carter's grant.] Voted, and granted to Capt. John Carter, an exchange of nine acres of land, lying at Dirty Swamp, for nine acres above his own land, adjoining to Charlestown line, the top being his own, with this proviso, that it doth not prejudice the neighborhood, and the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom are appointed to lay out this land.

[John Baker's grant.] At the same meeting, granted to John Baker, Jr., about a quarter of an acre of land, adjoining to what he hath already.

[Cragin's grant.] Granted to John Cragin, one acre of swamp on the other side Great Meadow, the top being his own, and to be laid out by the selectmen's order.

[A town rate.] A town rate granted to be levied upon the inhabitants.

[Water's grant.] Granted to Samuel Waters, about fifteen pole of land, adjoining to his own land and Baker's new field, and to be laid out by the selectmen's order.

[Walker's grant.] Granted to John Walker, one acre and half of swamp, near Reading line, the top being his own, to be laid out by the selectmen's order.

[Snow's grant.] Granted to John Snow, about thirty pole of land next Sergeant Baldwin's land, for a passage to Mill-stone Meadow.

[Baldwin's grant.] Granted to Sergeant Baldwin, about one quarter of an acre of land, next his own, to be laid out by order.

[Simonds's grant.] Granted to Caleb Simonds, four acres of land, adjoining to Glazier's land, next the brook, the top being his own.

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[118*]. The selectmen met, the 3rd of April, 1682, and appointed the constables to gather half a rate in silver, for the supply of our messengers for England.

Agreed with Goodman Farrar for the keeping of Irons, and to have twenty shillings by the month in pay, provided his pay be made quarterly.

The 3rd of April, 1682, tithingmen appointed namely:—John Brooks, Nath. Pierce, Timothy Carter, George Brush, James Fowle, James Thompson, James Snow, Joseph Knight, Thomas Kendall, John Carter. Sworn the 3rd of Apr., 1682.

The selectmen met the first of May, 1682, and called Robert Dale to account for entertaining Thomas Webster, and took bond of him to the value of forfeiting what the order requireth, if he free not the town of said Webster, by the 1st of May instant, as will appear by his own hand, in the day book, page 28.

Francis Wyman, making complaint about fences in the field called Plain Field, other ways Mount Playnum Field, and finding by record and evidence that the said field was laid out a common field, do order the repair of fences, according to order.

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[Apr. 10, 1682.] Laid out to Capt. John Carter, on the account of swamp bottom, and allowance for the badness of his lots eighteen acres and a half in his timber lot, near Charlestown line, it being bounded on the west by the wood land of Matthew Johnson, and on the east by the woodland of William Johnson, and on the north and south by his own woodland.

[June 18, 1683.] Laid out to Benjamin Simonds, one acre of land, according to town grant, adjoining to his own land near Dry Brook, and bounded by the land of his swamp bottom.

[Choice of tithingmen, 1682.] John Brooks, Nath. Pierce, Tim. Carter, George Brush, James Fowle, James Thompson, James Snow, Joseph Knight, Sen., Thomas Kendall, John Carter. Sworn.

[May 1, 1682.] The selectmen met the first of May, 1682. Henry Summers is allowed of to keep ordinary for the town of Woburn, from the first of May, 1682, he forthwith getting a license.

[July 3, 1682.] The selectmen met, the 3rd of July, 1682, and agreed with Israel Reed about the land Benoni Macreast, his house standeth on, and received of said Reed twenty shillings for the taking of the obligation in Macreast, his grant, provided the house be removed, as was ordered by the selectmen, the which was done.

[Sawyer's swamp bottom laid out, 1682.] The 15th of June, 1682, laid out to Joshua Sawyer, near the town, adjoining to the highway leading to Boggy Meadow on the north, and to Moses Cleveland his land on the east, Reading highway south, and through part of a little pond on the west side; the contents is ten acres; five acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ was Joseph Carter's, one of Deacon Converse's, one of the Ensign's, and one was Moses Cleveland's given by the town.

[EDITORIAL NOTE. The persons named as "inmates" in the preceding paragraphs, were not "of those steady, stationary planets" which hold on to one spot for a long series of years. They were wandering characters and the career of some of them may be traced by means of the genealogical dictionaries, while others seem never before to have been heard of or heard of again.]

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[119*] The 15th of June, 1682. the selectmen settled the bounds of the highway at Maple Meadow Plain.

A country rate made the 28th of Aug., 1682.

	[£. s. d.]
Richard Gardner,	00 08 00
John Bateman,	00 03 10
Capt. John Carter,	00 10 06
Lieut. William Johnson,	00 18 03
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	00 07 05
Sergt. James Converse,	00 05 00
Jacob Hamlet,	00 04 00
Josiah Hobbs,	00 01 08
Sergt. Thomas Pierce,	00 09 03
Samuel Pierce,	00 03 02
Henry Brooks,	00 00 08
John Brooks,	00 09 06
Isaac Brooks,	00 07 00
Ensign James Converse,	00 11 06
Zerubbabel Ingraham,	00 01 08
Deacon Josiah Converse,	00 13 00
Stephen Richardson,	00 05 03
Samuel Richardson,	00 05 09
Widow Richardson,	00 03 03
Ezekiel Richardson,	00 03 08
Isaac Richardson,	00 06 02
Nath. Richardson,	00 06 04
Robert Eames,	00 08 00
John Richardson, Jr.,	00 03 06
James Thompson,	00 05 00
Joseph Richardson,	00 08 00
John Richardson, Sen.,	00 02 09
Bartholomew Pearson,	00 05 00
Timothy Baldwin,	00 01 08
Nehemiah Tottinham,	00 03 02
Elijah Tottinham,	00 03 08
Samuel Chadwick,	00 01 08
John Johnson, Sen.,	00 07 04
William Locke,	00 08 04
Sam'l Blogget, Sen.,	00 10 02
William Locke, Jr.,	00 01 11
John Tidd,	00 05 00
Jonathan Thompson,	00 06 09
David Roberts,	00 03 00
John Mousall,	00 07 06
Ephraim Buck,	00 04 02
Gershon Flagg,	00 06 00
Robert Dale,	00 00 06
Joshua Sawyer,	00 03 05
Robert Moore,	00 01 08
Samuel Walker, Sen.,	00 00 06
John Jaquith,	00 02 00
James Fowle,	00 06 09
John Carter,	00 07 09
John Wright,	00 04 06
John Seers,	00 03 06
Sam'l Converse,	00 04 02
William Pierce,	00 02 06
Jonathan Blogget,	00 01 08
John Abbott,	00 02 08
David Fox,	00 01 10
Sam'l Blogget, Jr.,	00 01 10
John Burbeen,	00 02 08
Thomas Kendall,	000 04 07
Francis Kendall,	000 09 03
John Kendall,	000 04 00
Israel Heed,	000 06 04
William Parker,	000 01 08
Israel Walker,	000 05 02
Joseph Wright,	000 06 03
Timothy Carter,	000 02 06
Thomas Carter,	000 02 06
George Brush,	000 04 06
John Locke,	000 04 06
Mr. Sam'l Carter,	000 03 04
Thomas Hall,	000 02 02
Widow Simonds,	000 00 10
Benjamin Simonds,	000 04 00
James Simonds,	000 02 06
Michael Bagon,	000 06 00
Caleb Simonds,	000 04 11
Ralph Reed,	000 07 00
William Reed,	000 02 03
John Reed,	000 02 02
John Knight,	000 02 05
Joseph Knight,	000 04 09
Robert Pierce,	000 07 03
John Cragin,	000 02 02
George Reed,	000 11 00
Sam'l Walker, Jr.,	000 10 06
Joseph Winn,	000 06 06
William Wyman,	000 04 02
John Wilson, Jr.,	000 05 00
Francis Wilson,	000 02 02
Samuel Wilson,	000 02 04
Samuel Lewis,	000 03 04

Lieut. Wyman,	000 16 03
Francis Wyman,	000 12 06
John Farrar,	000 01 00
John Wilson, Sen.,	000 03 07
Henry Summers,	000 06 10
Joseph Carter,	000 04 02
Zach. Snow,	000 04 00
Sam'l Snow,	000 04 02
Sam'l Waters,	000 03 00
William Dean,	000 02 00
James Snow,	000 02 00
John Snow,	000 04 03
John Baker, Sen.,	000 05 06
John Baker, Jr.,	000 02 06
George Polly, Sen.,	000 05 08
George Polly, Jr.,	000 02 00
Aaron Cleveland,	000 02 08
Moses Cleveland,	000 02 09
Thomas Lepingwell,	000 04 06
Increase Winn,	000 05 02
Nathaniel Pierce,	000 03 06
The Widow Russells,	000 01 00
Henry Baldwin,	000 10 00
John Pierce,	000 04 04
Thomas Henshaw,	000 03 05
Joseph Pierce,	000 04 05
Robert Houghton,	000 02 06
Thomas Pierce, Jr.,	000 05 00
John Walker,	000 02 01
Nathaniel Dunton,	000 01 00

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[120*] [A highway to Bull Corner.] Whereas, there was a highway laid out for accommodating those persons that had lots laid out in the lot, formerly called Mr. Long's, known by the name of Bull corner, and the record doth not appear, Francis Kendall, Elizabeth Pierce, James Converse, all testifying to the certain knowledge of it, the said way, lying between Edward Winn's land and the land that was Sergeant Thomas Pierce's, it is by the selectmen now entered, and for time to come, the said way is for those that have meadow in the said Bull Corner, or Mr. Long's lot to pass and repass with carts or horse, or other cattle, as they may have occasion.

[Renewing the highway to Maple Meadow.] The 15th of June, '82, William Johnson, Ensign Converse and Francis Kendall renewed the highway to Maple Meadow, and bounded it.

[A meeting of the selectmen.] The 3rd of Oct., '82, Robert Dale engaged to free the town from all charge that might ensue by entertaining Robert Moore as an inmate.

William Dean was fined the third time for being drunk (ten shillings) or to sit in the stocks.

[A meeting of the Selectmen.] The sixth of Nov., 1682, and made a rate about waste lands; at the same time, David Roberts gave bond to free the town from all charge that may come by entertaining his brother and family as inmates.

[Capt. Carter's land and swamp bottom.] Laid out to Capt. John Carter eighteen acres of land, near Charlestown line, at the southeast end of the town, and is bounded by marked trees, it lying on the south of the highway that leads to a place, called the Pine Mountain, and Powell's lot; and bounded east by the woodland of William Johnson, north by the fore said highway, and else where by the town Common; this eighteen acres was in lieu of swamp bottom; four of it was for recompense of his bad lot, and fourteen on his own account of swamp bottom.

This is the same record with that in page 118, and in the same place laid out.

[Jonathan Pierce, his land at Long Meadow.] Laid out to Jonathan Pierce, on the east side of Long Meadow, nine acres and half of land, in lieu of swamp bottom; six acres and half of it being the right of his uncle Joseph Knight, and three acres of Samuel Converse, his right, bounded west by the said meadow, and east by the highway, the northeast end going over the highway that now is.

[George Reed, Jr., his land.] Laid out to George Reed, Jr., four acres of land, granted by the town, near his house and adjoining to his own land; also laid out to the said Reed two acres and half of swamp bottom, in the swamp on the east end of Joseph Knight's land, in Pine Plain, the which he had of his father.

[Israel Walker, his swamp bottom.] Laid out to Israel Walker, one acre and half of swamp bottom in his father's wood lot, near the highway that goeth over Wood Hill to William Butters' house.

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[Francis Kendall's land as swamp bottom.] Laid out to Francis Kendall three acres and half of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, in a wood lot that was Mr. Thomas Carter's and Mr. Samuel Carter's, near Clear Meadow Brook; and one acre in a lot that was John Seers'; and an acre and half in a lot, that was George Brush's down stream.

[Israel Walker swamp bottom.] Laid out to Israel Walker sixteen acres and half of land near Maple Meadow, in lieu of swamp bottom, it containing all the wood lots of his father and Mr. Carter's.

[Robert Pierce.] Laid out to Robert Pierce one acre of land, adjoining to his own, near Round Meadow, in lieu of swamp bottom, which was the right of Samuel Converse, son to Allen Converse.

[121*] The 27th of February, 1683, the inhabitants met and chose officers for the year 1683.

FOR SELECTMEN:—Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Francis Kendall, Matthew Johnson, Mr. Samuel Carter.

CONSTABLES:—John Carter, Joshua Sawyer.

COMMISSIONER TO JOIN WITH THE SELECTMEN:—Corporal Samuel Walker.

SURVEYORS FOR HIGHWAYS:—John Richardson, Isaac Brooks, Samuel Blogget, John Wilson, Sen., Sergt. Henry Baldwin.

FOR SWINE:—Isaac Brooks, Isaac Richardson, Nehemiah Tottingham.

FOR FENCES:—Joseph Richardson, Sam'l Walker, Thomas Pierce, Joseph Pierce.

SEALER FOR LEATHER:—James Fowle.

AND FOR MEASURES:—Increase Winn.

[Cutler's purchase of his father's land.] Voted that John Cutler shall have all the land adjoining to his house, that was in the possession of his father, as also all the meadow land at Settle Meadow, and the swamp and meadow in Millstone Meadow, and all the wood land belonging to the said house lots that is unsold, John Baker, Sen., paying to the town thirty pounds in corn, or such pay as will answer the town's engagements to Goodman Farrar, for the keeping of Edward Irons, and all within four years after the date hereof.

[Order about constables.] Voted and ordered that all constables for the time past, shall make up their accounts with the selectmen by the first Monday in April next, and by May Day following to pay and discharge all they are indebted to the town, and all constables for time to come, are to make up their account within the year, and to discharge all by May Day following.

[Robert Dale's grant.] Robert Dale is granted a piece of land near Lieut. Wyman's new house, to be laid out by the discretion of the selectmen.

[Edw. Johnson's grant, Ebenezer Johnson.] Granted to Edward Johnson and Ebenezer Johnson, each of them, four acres of land, to be laid out near their own land.

[George Reed.] Granted to George Reed, Jr., four acres of land to be laid out adjoining to his own land.

[William Locke, Jacob Kendall.] Granted to William Locke, Jr., and to Jacob Kendall, four acres apiece, to be laid out near their own land.

[John Wyman.] Lieut. John Wyman is granted a piece of land to set a barn on, and a little piece by Farrar's land, all to be laid out at the discretion of the selectmen.

[John Knight, John Reed.] John Reed and John Knight are granted, each of them, four acres of land, the top being their own, and it join to their own land.

[Thomas Pierce.] Thomas Pierce is granted three acres of land adjoining to his own, which is in lieu of what was wanting in Burgess, his lot.

[John Johnson.] John Johnson, Jr., is granted four acres adjoining to his own land at the Saw mill.

[James Simonds.] James Simonds is granted two acres in a swamp near Cambridge line, called the World's End.

[Joshua Sawyer.] Joshua Sawyer is granted two acres of land, adjoining to his own land.

All the grants above are to pay for the use of the town some money for every acre, not exceeding two shillings on an acre, and to be determined by the selectmen, and if any shall remove out of the town within seven years, what is granted him shall return to the town again.

It is ordered at this meeting by the inhabitants, that all swamp bottom shall be laid out by the first of August next, or else to lose their right to said swamp bottom.

Laid out to Robert Dale a piece of land to set a house on, according to town grant, and bounded by order.

[122*]. [June 24, 1683. The settlement of the bounds of Hungry Plain Field and swamp.] The selectmen met, and there being a difference between John Seers and the proprietors of Hungry Plain Field, referring to the settling the bounds between the field and the swamp, Ensign James Converse, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Mr. Samuel Carter, Michael Bacon and Sergeant James Converse are appointed a committee (the major part agreeing) to settle the bounds of swamp and field aforesaid.

[June 27, 1683. Benjamin Simonds' land at Dry Brook.] Laid out to Benjamin Simonds, at a place called Dry Brook, adjoining to his own land, four acres and half of land, one acre being granted by the town freely, and three acres purchased of Joseph Knight; the other half acre is the town's unless he purchase it or the town give it him.

[June 29, 1683. Jonathan Thompson's swamp bottom.] Laid out to Jonathan Thompson twelve acres of land and half acre, near his own land in the treasury, between his own meadow and Cold Spring, bounded by the highway west, at a pole's distance, and a line under the Pine Hill, and then to his own land; two acres of this was William Johnson's right, the other his own and father's.

[Joseph Richardson's swamp bottom.] Laid out to Joseph Richardson four acres of land and quarter, adjoining to his own land, and bounded by the highway leading to Reading, beginning at Charlestown Corner.

[Bart. Pearson's swamp bottom.] Laid out to Bartholomew Pearson nine acres of swamp bottom, adjoining to his own land in a swamp near his house, bounded by Michael Lepingwell's land south and the upland elsewhere.

[Ephraim Buck, his swamp bottom.] Laid out to Ephraim Buck six acres of swamp bottom, near his own land bought of the town; five of it being John Brooks, his right, and the rest the right of Abraham Jaquith.

[John Mousall, his swamp bottom.] Laid out to John Mousall one acre and twenty pole of swamp bottom, near the highway leading through Wood Hill, bounded by the third eighth east, the river north and the common elsewhere.

[John Johnson, his land laid out.] Laid out to John Johnson, Jr., four acres of land, adjoining to his own, at Turkey Hill, near the old Saw mill, which is four score pole in length and eight in breadth.

The selectmen laid out two highways to Boggy Meadow Field, the one from Moses Cleveland's house, up the hill and then along the west side of Mr. Carter's land to the lower end of said Boggy Meadow; the other way from said Cleveland's house, on the east side the hill, having Joshua Sawyer's fence on the southerly side, and John Wright's land, and then it leaveth the highway to Frog Hole and Shred Pine, and goeth to the Saw mill.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—The above paragraph again opens an interesting subject, viz., the location of the homestead of the founder of the Cleveland family in Woburn. The situation of Moses Cleveland's house applies, in this case, to the well known "Cleveland Hill," whose exact location was proved two or three years ago by the researches of J. W. Johnson, Esq., namely near the corner of the present New Boston, Clinton and Beach streets. Boggy Meadow Field may be described as in the direction and vicinity of the present Merrimac Chemical Works, and the highway from the house, and "up the hill," complies with the position of present New Boston street, near F. B. Dodge's residence, and onwards. The other highway on the "east side the hill" complies with the location of the present Middle Street, an ancient way shown on early maps. Joshua Sawyer was son-in-law of John Wright, whose homestead was on the site where the Woburn Almshouse now stands, which property was his original estate. The highway to Frog Hole and Shred Pine branching off from this, must have left this path in the vicinity of the well known Richardson's Mill, and the Saw Mill to which the second highway from the Cleveland homestead extended, must have been somewhere in the woods in some now forgotten place in the neighborhood of the present Chemical Works. This much we know of the Boggy Meadow Sawmill: That on April 8, 1678, John Walker of Woburn deeded to "Proprietors of Sawmill at BOGGY MEADOW FIELD"—namely Francis Wyman, Allen Converse, Henry Summers and Joseph Winn—certain property, the original deed being extant in Woburn. We here say that since our work on the records of regular town business is about drawing to a close, that we have purposely refrained from adding notes; that much we might have said we have left unsaid, lest the publication be extended to greater length than the patience of our readers could endure or the editor find space to print. Much light on early town matters has been shed, we are confident, by the publication of the records as they stand without note or comment, and pertinent suggestions we have no doubt have entered the minds of many of our readers as they have scanned the different instalments week by week. In probably three more weeks the record of continuous town business in this volume will end, and the pages at the end of the volume descriptive of different estates will be taken up.]

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A country rate made the 27th of Aug., 1683.

	[£. s. d.]
Richard Gardner,	00 08 00
Capt. John Carter,	" 09 00
John Carter, Jr.,	" 06 08
Lieut. William Johnson,	01 00 00
John Bateman,	00 03 04
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	" 07 01
Sergt. James Converse,	" 04 09
Sam'l Pierce,	" 03 00
Findelow Molocko,	" 01 08
Richard Judson,	" 01 08
Isaac Brooks,	" 08 02
John Brooks,	" 10 05
Ensign Converse,	" 10 05
Deacon Converse,	" 12 07
Sam'l Richardson,	" 05 08
Stephen Richardson,	" 05 06
Widow Richardson,	" 03 06
Ezekiel Richardson,	" 04 00
Isaac Richardson,	" 05 05
Nath. Richardson,	" 08 00
Mr. Graves,	" 01 00
John Richardson, Jr.,	" 03 04
Joseph Richardson,	" 05 10
James Thompson,	" 04 10
John Richardson, Sen.,	" 02 08
Bartholomew Pearson,	" 06 00
Nehemiah Totttingham,	000 02 08
Elijah Totttingham,	" 03 00
Samuel Chadwick,	" 02 02
John Johnson, Sen.,	" 09 00
John Johnson, Jr.,	" 01 11
William Locke, Sen.,	" 07 09
William Locke, Jr.,	" 02 06
Sam'l Blogget, Sen.,	" 09 05
Sam'l Blogget, Jr.,	" 02 03
Thomas Kendall,	" 04 06
Francis Kendall,	" 09 08
John Kendall,	" 03 08
Israel Reed,	" 06 09
George Reed,	" 08 08
Sam'l Walker,	" 09 08
Michael Bacon,	" 06 01
James Simonds,	" 02 09
Benjamin Simonds,	" 04 02
Caleb Simonds,	" 04 00
Ralph Reed,	" 06 02
Will. Reed,	" 02 01
[123] John Reed,	00 02 01
John Knight,	" 02 06
Joseph Knight,	" 03 10
Robert Pierce,	" 06 05
John Cragin,	" 02 01
Thomas Hall,	" 02 04
George Brush,	" 03 01
Mr. Sam'l Carter,	" 01 05
Israel Walker,	" 04 07
John Locke,	" 03 06
John Cutler,	" 02 08
William Green,	" 02 07
Jacob Hamlet,	" 03 04
Francis Wilson,	" 03 03
Sam'l Wilson,	" 02 05
John Abbott,	" 02 08
William Wyman,	" 04 09
Joseph Winn,	" 06 03
John Farrar,	" 00 09
Lieut. John Wyman,	" 15 06
Francis Wyman,	" 12 06
John Wilson, Sen.,	" 03 01
Zach. Snow,	" 03 00
Sam'l Snow,	" 03 03
Joseph Carter,	" 03 03
Henry Baldwin,	" 07 09
John Pierce,	" 04 03
Joseph Pierce,	" 02 08
John Baker, Sen.,	" 04 07
John Baker, Jr.,	" 02 03
George Polly, Sen.,	" 04 03
George Polly, Jr.,	" 02 05
Thomas Henshaw,	" 02 05
Eleazer Bateman,	" 02 07
William Butters,	" 02 07
John Snow,	000 04 06
Samuel Waters,	" 05 00
John Walker,	" 02 10
Moses Cleveland,	" 02 03
Aaron Cleveland,	" 02 09
Henry Summers,	" 06 10
Thomas Lepingwell,	" 04 00
John Russell,	" 02 00
Will Dean,	" 02 00
Sam'l Knight,	" 02 03
Josiah Hobbs,	" 01 10
Joshua Sawyer,	" 05 00
Thomas Pierce,	" 04 05
Sam'l Converse,	" 02 04
Nath Pierce,	" 05 00
John Seers,	" 03 02
John Wright,	" 01 10
Increase Winn,	" 05 06
James Fowle,	" 10 00
John Jaquith,	" 00 06

Robert Dale,	" 01 00
Gershom Flagg,	" 05 07
Thomas Carter,	" 02 06
Timothy Carter,	" 02 06
Joseph Wright,	" 06 04
John Tidd,	" 04 08
Jonathan Thompson,	" 06 11
John Mousall,	" 06 05
David Roberts,	" 02 05
John Burbeen,	" 02 04
Ephraim Buck,	" 03 09
Zerubbabel Ingraham,	" 01 08
Timothy Baldwin,	" 01 08
Thomas Pierce, Sen.,	" 08 05
Robert Eams,	" 06 10
George Reed,	" 02 00

The inhabitants met the 28th of February, 1684, and chose officers for the year, 1684.

FOR SELECTMEN.—Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Sergt. James Converse, and Corporal Sam'l Walker.

FOR CONSTABLES.—Thomas Pierce, Joseph Winn.

FOR COMMISSIONER.—Deacon Josiah Converse.

FOR SWINE.—John Brooks, Nath. Richardson, Sam'l Richardson.

FOR SEALER OF MEASURES AND WEIGHTS.—Increase Winn.

FOR SEALER OF LEATHER.—James Fowle.

Voted and granted the batement of Sam'l Walker, Sen., his rates in (83), that is his minister's rate and town rate.

[Cragin's grant.] John Cragin is granted that piece of swamp laid out to him all ready, that containeth four acres.

[John Johnson's grant.] John Johnson is granted about three acres at Rattle Snake Pond.

[Sergt. Converse.] Sergeant Converse is granted the swamp on the north side of Stouy Lane, for which he paid a shilling.

[Joshua Sawyer.] Granted and given to Joshua Sawyer the remainder of the swamp next his Father Wright's, behind John Wilson's house.

[John Pierce.] John Pierce is granted about two acres of swamp at Berry Meadow.

[124] [Gershom Flagg's grant.] Gershom Flagg is granted an island at Step Rock, to the value of an acre or thereabouts.

[James Fowle, his grant.] James Fowle is granted about two acres at Step Bock Meadow, for to accommodate the fencing in his meadow.

[Israel Reed's grant.] Israel Reed is granted land to set a barn on, near the burying place, in case the selectmen approve it.

[John Tidd's grant.] John Tidd is granted a piece of land to set a house on, to the value of half an acre near Jaquith land.

[Joseph Winn's grant.] Joseph Winn is granted about an acre and half near his meadows.

[John Polly's grant.] John Polly is granted about half an acre near Berry Meadow, he not wronging the highway.

[Jacob Kendall's grant.] Jacob Kendall is granted four acres of land, part at Bear Hole, and part at Long Meadow Swamp.

William Reed and Samuel Blogget are granted four acres apiece at Bear Hole.

[Edward Walker's grant.] Edward Walker is granted four acres of land, part at Bear Hole, and part at Long Meadow Swamp.

[John Knight's grant.] John Knight is granted exchange of land to the value of three acres or four.

[David Fox, his grant.] David Fox is granted about a quarter of an acre, provided the top be his own, and laid out by the selectmen.

[Nath. Pierce's grant.] Nath. Pierce is granted two acres at Long Meadow, next his own land.

Granted to Susanna and Mary Cutler three pounds apiece of that pay the town has of their brother.

[Francis Kendall's grant.] Francis Kendall is granted exchange of eleven acres of land at Pine Meadow Plain, for so much at Rock Meadow Plain, or at Long Meadow.

Voted that all the grants above be laid out, returned and recorded within two months, or lose their grants.

[Mount Playnum Field's proprietor's agreement.] The 27th of October, 1684, the major part of the proprietors of the great field in Woburn, called the Simonds' Field, met and agreed that with reference to a covenant that was made about the fencing and feeding of the said field, which covenant bears date, the 10th of March, 1683-4, they agree that the said covenant shall be null and of non effect for time to come, and that then they will fence in particular, each man his own part, and bear half the partition fence between one and other's land, as the law provides, in house lots, as witness our hands the day and year first above specified.

RALPH REED,
BENJAMIN SIMONDS,
DANIEL MCGINNIS,
JOHN LOCKE.

Witness:
James Converse, Sen.
James Converse, Jr.

[Farrar's reckoning.] Reckoned with Goodman Farrar, the 10th of March, 1833-4, and all balanced and paid referring to the keeping of Edward Irons, as will appear in the day book, page (64).

[Eames, his reckoning.] Reckoned with Robert Eames, the 4th of May, 1835, and all accounts balanced and cleared, as will appear in the day book, page (64).

[Committee about Blogget's land.] Michael Bacon, Sam'l Walker, and William Locke, Sen., are appointed a committee to go to Weaver's Meadow and hear the difference between Capt. John Carter and Sam'l Blogget, and by their discretion to settle the same.

[125*]. [A meeting of the selectmen the 7th of Apr., 1834.] And reckoned with several persons as in the day book, page (66); and also met the 7th of July, 1834, and gave out half a rate according to the treasurer's order.

[A meeting of the selectmen, the 4th of August, 1835.] And agreed to make the country rate the last second day of August.

A general meeting of the inhabitants on the 6th day of Oct., 1835. [1834?]

Voted, and agreed unanimously, that there should be half a rate made for the defraying of the town's debts, namely, the Reverend Mr. Thomas Carter's funeral and the county rate, the one half in pay and the other half in money.

[Mr. Fox allowed four score pounds this year.] At the same meeting, it was also voted and agreed, that the Rev. Mr. Jabez Fox should have for the year ensuing, the sum of four score pound, s one quarter silver, so long as he carryeth and end the work of the ministry in this town.

It was also agreed that Mr. Carter's rate be completed and paid for this year as formerly.

Town rate made the first of Dec., 1834.

	[£. d. s.]
Imprimis Richard Gardner,	00 08 00
Capt. John Carter,	" 12 08
John Carter,	" 08 11
John Bateman,	" 04 00
William Johnson,	" 17 04
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	" 08 09
Sergt. James Converse,	" 06 03
Sam'l Pierce,	" 03 03
Widow Pierce,	" 04 06
William Hamlet,	" 01 11
John Johnson, Sen.,	" 06 10
William Locke, Sen.,	" 09 00
William Locke, Jr.,	" 04 05
Sam'l Blogget, Sen.,	" 08 08
Sam'l Blogget, Jr.,	" 02 10
Thomas Kendall,	" 06 00
Francis Kendall,	" 06 08
John Kendall,	" 04 07
Sam'l Kendall,	" 03 02
Joseph Wright,	" 06 00
George Reed, Sen.,	" 06 05
Sergt. Sam'l Walker,	" 12 07
Israel Walker,	" 06 03
George Brush,	" 06 11
Mr. Samuel Carter,	" 03 06
John Locke,	" 07 03
Benjamin Simonds,	" 05 01
Michael Bacon,	" 08 07
Daniel McGinnis,	" 04 00
Caleb Simonds,	" 04 08
William Johnson, Jr.,	" 01 08
Ralph Reed,	" 06 08
William Reed,	" 02 06
George Reed, Jr.,	" 02 08
James Simonds,	" 02 09
Jacob Kendall,	" 02 00
John Knight,	" 03 04
Joseph Knight,	" 03 00
Robert Pierce,	" 05 02
Jonathan Pierce,	" 01 08
John Reed,	" 02 02
John Cragin,	" 02 06
Thomas Blogget,	" 02 03
Edward Johnson,	" 02 02
Ebenezer Johnson,	" 02 04
John Abbott,	" 03 05
Francis Wilson,	" 03 03
Will Wyman,	" 05 06
William Parker,	" 01 08
Jacob Hamlet,	" 03 00
John Cutler,	" 03 04
William Green,	" 03 03

Joseph Winn,	" 07 06
Thomas Fuller,	" 01 01 00
Jonathan Wyman,	" 01 01 00
Seth Wyman,	" 00 02 00
Jacob Wyman,	" 03 04
John Wym n,	" 03 04
John Wilson, Sen.,	" 16 06
John Farrar,	" 05 09
Francis Wyman,	" 03 09
Sam'l Snow,	" 05 00
Zach Snow,	" 10 06
Joseph Carter,	" 04 10
Sergt. Henry Baldwin,	" 06 00
John Pierce,	" 07 07
Joseph Pierce,	" 03 01
John Polly,	" 03 00
George Polly,	" 03 03
William Butters,	" 03 03
John Baker, Sen.,	" 03 03
John Baker, Jr.,	" 03 00
John Snow,	" 07 00
Sam'l Waters,	" 05 00
John Walker,	" 03 08
Sam'l Converse,	" 05 00
Moses Cleveland,	" 02 06
Aaron Cleveland,	" 02 06
Joshua Sawyer,	" 04 00
Sam'l Knight,	" 02 06
Josiah Hobbs,	" 01 11
Henry Summers,	" 08 06
William Dean,	" 02 00
John Russell,	" 02 00
Thomas Pierce,	" 05 07
Thomas Lepingwell,	" 03 10
Nathaniel Pierce,	" 06 06
Increase Winn,	" 09 10
John Seers,	" 04 02
Daniel Baldwin,	" 02 06
John Wright,	" 04 00
James Fowle,	" 11 00
Israel Reed,	" 06 00
William Pierce,	" 02 00
[126*]. David Roberts,	" 02 08
Robert Dale,	" 02 06
Gershom Flagg,	" 06 00
Timothy Carter,	" 02 09
Thomas Carter,	" 03 06
John Tidd,	" 05 03
Jonathan Thompson,	" 09 09
John Burbeen,	" 04 02
John Monsall,	" 08 00
Ephraim Buck,	" 05 01
John Brooks,	" 12 03
Quart. Isaac Brooks,	" 09 07
Ensign James Converse,	" 12 10
Deacon Josiah Converse,	" 13 05
Samuel Richardson,	" 07 02
Stephen Richardson,	" 07 02
Ezekiel Richardson,	" 06 06
Isaac Richardson,	" 05 09
Nathaniel Richardson,	" 08 05
John Holden,	" 02 03
Samuel Chadwick,	" 02 00
Thomas Williams,	" 03 00
John Richardson, Jr.,	" 04 09
John Richardson, Sen.,	" 03 00
Bartholomew Pearson,	" 08 00
Elijah Tottingham,	" 02 00
Nehemiah Tottingham,	" 03 08
Timothy Baldwin,	" 01 08
James Thompson,	" 05 11
Robert Eames,	" 09 06
John Jaquith,	" 01 08
Eleazer Bate-man,	" 02 00
Thomas Henshaw,	" 03 06
Sam'l Wilson,	" 08 00
William Reed, Jr.,	" 02 08
Joseph Richardson,	" 07 09
Richard Judson,	" 01 08
David Fox,	" 02 06
James Pierce,	" 03 02
Michael Lepingwell,	" 01 10
John Brooks, Jr.,	" 01 11

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[Feb. 2, 1685. Hungary Plain Field.] The selectmen met and appointed a committee to go to Hungary Plain Field and state the fence on the right proprietors, and make return to the selectmen of what they do therein.

The committee are Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Sergt. Sam'l Walker and Sergt. James Converse.

[Joseph Richardson's land 6 acres.] The 14th of May, 1685, laid out to Joseph Richardson, by order of the committee appointed to divide the woodland and swamp bottom, six acres of land, part of it being about two acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ adjoining to his own land, only parted by the highway to Reading; and said highway being the southerly bounds and Charlestown line, north by part of Parley Meadow, northwest by Bartholomew Pearson's land, it lying almost in a triangle; also one piece adjoining to said Pearson's land on the east and the land that was Edward Winn's, and bounded by the common lands elsewhere; one other piece lying, near Henry Summers's pasture, by estimation two acres, more or less, bounded by the highway to Reading, and the common lands elsewhere.

[Bart. Pearson's woodland.] Divided to Bartholomew Pearson his share of wood land, being a part of the second division, lying on the east side the town near Loose Meadow Brook, by estimation four-score acres, be it more or less, bounded east by his own land, north by Reading line, and west by Loose Meadow and Shred Pine, and south by Shred Pine path.

[Joseph Richardson's woodland.] Divided to Joseph Richardson his share of woodland, being a part of the second division, lying on the east side the town, by estimation twenty acres, be it more or less, one piece at Snake Hole, bounded by Increase Winn's meadow northeast by the land of Bartholomew Pearson, south by the Tottingham's woodland, and west by the woodland of Robert Eames; one piece more adjoining to Loose Meadow Brook, and bounded said brook south, the land Henry Summers west, and to the line of the third division north, and east by the land of Robert Eames and Tottingham.

[127*]. Choice of officers for the town of Woburn, made the 24th day of February, 1685, for the year ensuing.

SELECTMEN.—Lieut. William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Sergt. Thomas Fuller, Sergt. Sam'l Walker.

CONSTABLES.—Matthew Johnson, Increase Winn, Sergt. James Converse, COMMISSIONER.

FOR THE SWINE.—Aaron Cleveland, Sam'l Snow, Joseph Carter.

FOR HIGHWAYS.—Gershom Flagg, John Carter, James Thompson, Joseph Winn.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—James Fowle.

OF MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

FOR FENCES.—Thomas Kendall, Nath. Richardson, Thomas Pierce, Israel Walker.

[James Fowle's grant.] At this public town meeting, James Fowle was granted liberty to purchase a little piece of land to set part of a shop on, and the selectmen to agree the price.

[Nath. Pierce grant.] Nathaniel Pierce is granted liberty to buy as much land to set a house on, as the selectmen judge meet, and they to agree of the price.

[Farrar's grant.] Goodman Farrar is granted about four pole square of land by his house, and on the account above said, laid out triangle ways.

The selectmen met the 6th of April, 1685, Lieut. Thomas Fuller and Joseph Winn are appointed a committee to settle the bounds between John Farrar and John Wilson, it being the line of their house lots, and make return of what they do therein at their next meeting.

The selectmen met, the 4th of May, 1685, and agreed with John Pierce and Thomas Pierce about getting posts and rails for the pound.

At this meeting, the selectmen reckoned with Henry Summers.

The selectmen met, the 6th of July, 1685, and ordered the constables to pay the county treasurer what he demands, as to the rate.

[James Fowle's grant laid out.] The selectmen met the 3rd of August, 1685, and laid out to James Fowle a little piece of land one corner of his shop stands on, according to grant.

[Nathaniel Pierce's grant laid out.] And also laid out to Nathaniel Pierce a piece of land to set his dwelling-house on, according to grant.

Gershom Flagg and Joshua Sawyer are added to the surveyors of fences for the year 1685.

The 24th day of this August, 1685, is appointed to make the country rate in.

Ensign James Converse, Israel Walker and Joseph Wright are appointed a committee to take a view of a complaint made against Joseph Winn and others, in taking the road in too narrow at Mount Playnum Hill, near William Green's house, and also answering that is very convenient for the town, and rectify the same.

James Converse and Israel Walker and Joseph Wright, being appointed a committee to view a complaint made about a watering place and a highway near William Green's house, attended our order dated 24 of August, 1685, and met and finding the way straightened have added one pole in breadth, and as to the watering place, we have laid out a free passage for the inhabitants, allowing part of the spring to Joseph Winn, and part to the town, [128*] bounded by stakes, starting seven pole next the highway, and four pole at the spring: in form

thus Δ date 2 September, 1685.

JOSEPH WRIGHT,
ISRAEL WALKER.

A town rate made 7 of December, 1685:

	[£. s. d.]
<i>Imprimis</i> Richard Gardner,	00 09 00
Capt. John Carter,	" 03 09
John Carter, Jr.,	" 08 04
Eleazer Bateman,	" 03 08
Lieut. William Johnson,	" 01 08
Sergt. Matthew Johnson,	" 17 00
Sergt. James Converse,	" 09 05
Sam'l Pierce,	" 06 06
James Pierce,	" 03 09
Benjamin Pierce,	" 03 04
Widow Pierce,	" 02 09
Isaac Brooks,	" 01 09
John "ooks,	" 11 06
Ensign James Converse,	" 12 07
Edward Converse,	" 10 00
Deacon Josiah Converse, and his son Josiah,	" 04 10
Josiah Hobbs,	" 11 00
Samuel Richardson,	" 02 00
Stephen Richardson,	" 08 02
Ezekiel Richardson,	" 07 02
Isaac Richardson,	" 03 08
Nathaniel Richardson,	" 09 07
John Holden,	" 09 02
Samuel Chadwick,	" 02 08
Thomas Williams,	" 03 11
John Richardson, Sen.,	" 05 11
Joseph Richardson,	" 03 08
Bartholomew Pearson,	" 08 08
John Richardson, Jr.,	" 08 00
Timothy Baldwin,	" 05 00
Nehemiah Tottingham,	" 01 08
Elijah Tottingham,	" 02 11
John Johnson, Sen.,	" 02 02
James Thompson,	" 08 08
William Johnson, Jr.,	" 06 03
William Locke, Sen.,	" 01 08
William Locke, Jr.,	" 08 02
Israel Reed,	" 04 03
George Reed, Sen.,	" 06 08
George Reed, Jr.,	" 07 00
Sam'l Blogget, Sen.,	" 03 07
Sam'l Blogget, Jr.,	" 08 00
Francis Kendall,	" 03 02
John Kendall,	" 05 00
Thomas Kendall,	" 04 00
David Meads,	" 05 07
Sergt. Sam'l Walker,	" 05 07
William Dean,	" 04 04
Michael Bacon,	" 15 01
Thomas Blogget,	" 02 00
James Simonds,	" 06 02
Caleb Simonds,	" 02 08
Benjamin Simonds,	" 02 09
Ralph Reed,	" 05 03
William Reed,	" 06 00
John Reed,	" 06 07
John Knight,	" 02 07
Joseph Knight, Sen.,	" 01 10
Robert Pierce,	" 03 07
Jonathan Pierce,	" 03 04
John Cragin,	" 04 11
William Reed, Jr.,	" 01 08
Jacob Kendall,	" 02 05
Edward Johnson,	" 01 11
Ebenezer Johnson,	" 03 00
George Brush,	" 02 03
Mr. Samuel Carter,	" 02 07
Israel Walker,	" 06 11
John Locke,	" 04 03
John Cutler,	" 06 03
William Green,	" 05 03
Jacob Hamlet,	" 03 09
William Hamlet,	" 03 00
William Butters,	" 03 00
Francis Wilson,	" 01 08
Sam'l Wilson,	" 02 08
Seth Wyman,	" 02 10
William Wyman,	" 02 08
Joseph Winn,	" 04 08
Thomas Fuller,	" 08 00
Jonathan Wyman,	" 09 00
Jacob Wyman,	" 06 04
John Farrar,	" 06 06
John Wym in,	" 05 00
John Wilson,	" 02 08
Francis Wyman,	" 03 00
Sam'l Snow,	" 03 04
Zachariah Snow,	" 14 00
Sergeant Baldwin,	" 05 09
John Pierce,	" 03 06
Joseph Pierce,	" 10 01
Sam'l Waters,	" 05 00
John Snow,	" 05 08
Joseph Carter,	" 05 04
John Baker, Sen.,	" 05 02
John Baker, Jr.,	" 07 06
Thomas Henshaw,	" 05 02
John Walker,	" 02 08
Sam'l Converse,	" 04 00
John Polly,	" 04 01
George Polly,	" 04 00

Moses Cleveland,	" 02 04
Aaron Cleveland,	" 02 06
Henry Summers,	" 06 00
Joseph Knight, Jr.,	" 02 10
Joshua Sawyer,	" 03 03
John Russell,	" 02 00
Michael Lepingwell,	" 01 08
Thomas Lepingwell,	" 04 06
Thomas Pierce,	" 05 04
Increase Winn,	" 08 04
Nathaniel Pierce,	" 06 05
Daniel Baldwin,	" 02 11
John Seers,	" 03 11
Widow Converse,	" 00 09
John Wright and his son John,	" 06 02
James Wilson,	" 01 08
James Fowle,	" 14 05
Joseph Cowell,	" 01 10
Robert Dale,	" 02 06

William Pierce,	00 02 03
John Jaquith,	" 01 08
David Fox,	" 02 06
Gershom Flagg,	" 09 00
Timothy Carter,	" 03 06
Thomas Carter,	" 04 01
Joseph Wright,	" 07 04
Sam'l Kendall,	" 03 00
John Tidd,	" 05 08
Jonathan Thompson,	" 10 06
John Mousall,	" 08 04
David Roberts,	" 02 06
Ephraim Buck,	" 06 00
Richard Judson,	" 01 08
John Burbeen,	" 03 10
Obadiah Johnson,	" 01 08
Robert Eames,	" 08 08
Timothy Wyman,	" 02 06
Sam'l Knight,	" 00 06

[129*] [The selectmen met 4 of Jan., 1686.] The selectmen met and ordered 13 persons to work out their proportions at the highway at New Bridge, or to pay their several rates for highway work, according to order, as more particular appeareth in the day book, page (91). The inhabitants met, the 23 of February, 1686, and chose officers for the ensuing year.

FOR SELECTMEN.—William Johnson, Ensign James Converse, Sergt. Matthew Johnson, Sergt. Sam'l Walker, Sergt. James Converse.

FOR CONSTABLES.—Nath. Pierce, Sam'l Snow.

COMMISSIONER.—Mr. Sam'l Carter.

FOR THE SWINE.—John Baker, Sen., Joseph Pierce, Caleb Simonds.

SURVEYORS FOR WAYS.—Lieut. Thomas Fuller, Gershom Flagg, James Thompson, George Reed.

FOR FENCES.—Benjamin Simonds, Sam'l Richardson, John Pierce, Thomas Pierce.

SEALERS FOR LEATHER.—James Fowle, Aaron Cleveland.

SEALER FOR MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

[John Richardson's grant.] John Richardson, Jr., is granted six acres of land near John Holden's, where the top is his own, he paying twelve pence an acre in silver to the town.

William Pierce hath liberty to sell that piece of land given him by the town, notwithstanding former prohibition, provided he pay to the town ten shillings in silver.

Samuel Waters hath liberty granted to exchange his two acres and land, near Joseph Pierce's house, and take it up in another place, where the top is his own.

John Holden is granted one acre of land near his house, the top being his own.

Israel Reed is granted liberty to set up a slaughter-house near his house, under the Rock, the place to be laid out at the discretion of the selectmen.

James Fowle is granted liberty to place a leanto against the side of his barn on the Common, provided he pay ten shillings in money for it to the town's use.

[The selectmen met 5 of April, 1686.] And ordered the constables to pay the county treasurer twelve pounds and eight shillings and eleven pence.

Mr. Samuel Carter was chosen for a grammar school master, to serve for the year 1686, and is to have thirty shillings for his service, considering he had five pounds the year before, and had no scholars; but if he have any grammar scholars, then to have five pounds, as the year before.

[5 of April (86.)] The proprietors of Hungary Plain Field met before the selectmen, and agreed that Sergeant Henry Baldwin's and John Snow's land should be left out of the said field, and the dividing fence between John Snow's land and said common field shall be borne, the one half by John Snow above said, and the other half by the proprietors of said field.

[The selectmen met 24 of May, 1686.] And made up accounts with the constables, and also ordered the surveyors to work out by the inhabitants $\frac{1}{2}$ rate for this year at the highways.

[The selectmen met the 6 of Nov., 1686.] And ordered that Gershom Flagg and Increase Winn, also Nathaniel Pierce, having fenced in part of the town Common, should pull up their fence within one month after the date hereof, on the penalty of paying fifteen shillings apiece for every month they shall neglect compliance herewith.

At the same time it was agreed that the inhabitants should be warned to meet to consider about of the repairing of the meeting house, and the constables are to give warning.

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[130*] The 20 of September, the inhabitants met and agreed that there should be one third of the last year's rate gathered by the constables, the one half in money, and the other half in pay, for to be disbursed on the repairs of the meeting-house.

[October the 4, 1686.] The selectmen met and agreed that the highway should be made good over the River near Nathaniel Richardson's house, by the surveyors, according to their order the 24 of May, 1686, and each surveyor is to have a copy of the last year's rate.

[December the 6, 1686.] A rate made for the minister for the year, 1687.

	[£. s. d.]
Richard Gardner,	00 08 00
Capt. John Carter,	" 14 08
William Johnson,	" 15 09
John Carter,	" 08 04
Matthew Johnson,	" 08 09
James Converse,	" 08 06
Sam'l Pierce,	" 03 08
Widow Pierce,	" 01 00
James Pierce,	" 03 04
Benjamin Pierce,	" 02 09
John Brooks,	" 10 04
Ensign James Converse,	" 09 03
Edward Converse,	" 05 01
Deacon Converse and his son,	" 14 03
Sam'l Converse,	" 02 03
Stephen Richardson,	" 06 09
Sam'l Richardson,	" 07 05
Ezekiel Richardson,	" 03 00
Isaac Richardson,	" 08 04
John Bateman,	" 05 04
Eleazer Bateman,	" 02 03
Nath. Richardson,	" 08 00
John Holden,	" 02 04
John Richardson, Jr.,	" 05 02
James Thompson,	" 06 06
Joseph Richardson,	" 08 08
John Jaquith,	" 01 09
Bart. Pearson,	" 08 03
John Richardson, Sen.,	" 03 03
Nehemiah Tottingham,	" 03 03
Timothy Baldwin,	" 01 08
Richard Judson,	" 01 08
Elijah Tottingham,	" 03 01
John Walker,	" 03 11
Sam'l Converse,	" 05 01
Robert Eames,	" 11 09
William Butters,	" 03 02
John Baker, Sen.,	" 08 08
John Baker, Jr.,	" 02 06
George Polly,	" 02 02
John Polly,	" 04 06
Joseph Pierce,	" 06 07
John Pierce,	" 04 07
Thomas Henshaw,	" 01 08
William Hamlet,	" 04 02
Jacob Hamlet,	" 03 06
Deacon Baldwin,	" 10 06
Sam'l Waters,	" 05 06
John Snow,	" 05 10
John Cutler,	" 04 01

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William Green,	00 03 00
Joseph Winn,	" 09 01
Jonathan Wyman,	" 08 00
Thomas Fuller,	" 02 09
John Wyman,	" 03 00
John Farrar,	" 02 09
John Wilson,	" 05 06
Francis Wyman,	" 14 00
Sam'l Snow,	" 06 00
Jacob Wyman,	" 05 02
Joseph Carter,	" 04 01
Zachariah Snow,	" 03 05
Robert Dale,	" 02 09
Aaron Cleveland,	" 03 00
Moses Cleveland,	" 02 05
Joshua Sawyer,	" 03 10
Joseph Knight,	" 03 04
Henry Summers,	" 05 07
Thomas Lepingwell,	" 04 03
John Russell,	" 02 00
William Dean,	" 02 00
Thomas Pierce,	" 05 06
Increase Winn,	" 08 03
Nath. Pierce,	" 05 00
Daniel Baldwin,	" 02 06
John Seers,	" 02 01
John Wright and his son John,	" 05 08
James Fowle,	" 16 08
Israel Reed,	" 06 07
Gershom Flagg,	" 09 00
Timothy Carter,	" 03 02
Thomas Carter,	" 04 01
Thomas Williams,	" 04 00
John Tidd,	" 04 06
Jonathan Thompson,	" 09 10
John Burbeen,	" 04 02
John Mousall,	" 08 06
David Roberts,	" 02 06
Ephraim Buck,	" 06 04
David Fox,	" 02 04
Widow Brooks,	" 06 00
Joseph Wright,	" 07 04
Sam'l Kendall,	" 03 00
David Meads,	" 03 06
Francis Kendall,	" 03 03
Thomas Kendall,	" 07 00
John Kendall,	" 03 07
Sam'l Blogget, the cousin,	" 01 08
Sam'l Blogget, Sen.,	" 06 03
Sam'l Blogget, Jr.,	" 03 01
William Locke, Sen.,	" 07 09
William Locke, Jr.,	" 04 05
John Johnson, Sen.,	" 07 04
Thomas Blogget,	" 03 03
Joseph Locke,	" 02 00
George Reed, Jr.,	" 03 10
John Knight,	" 03 09
Jacob Kendall,	" 02 09
John Cragin,	" 02 03
Robert Pierce,	" 05 00
Jonathan Pierce,	" 01 10
John Reed,	" 02 05
Edward Johnson,	" 02 04
Ebenezer Johnson,	" 02 05
[131*] Francis Wilson,	" 03 05
Obadiah Johnson,	" 01 08
William Wyman,	" 07 03
Seth Wyman,	" 05 07
Timothy Wyman,	" 02 00
David Munroe,	" 01 08
Sam'l Wilson,	" 02 08
Joseph Knight, Sen.,	" 03 04
James Simonds,	" 03 02
William Reed, Sen.,	" 02 02
Ralph Reed,	" 08 07
Caleb Simonds,	" 05 05
Michael Bacon, and } Josiah Woods, }	" 07 04
Benjamin Simonds,	" 05 03
John Locke,	" 05 00
Mr. Samuel Carter,	" 04 04
George Brush,	" 07 00
Israel Walker,	" 05 08
Sergt. Sam'l Walker,	" 15 00
George Reed, Sen.,	" 08 01
John Brooks,	" 03 00
Benjamin Cromwell,	" 01 08
Joseph Cowell,	" 02 00
William Pierce,	" 02 00
Barnard Exon,	" 01 08

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[The selectmen met the 3 of Jan., 1687.] Aaron Cleveland had laid out seven acres of land near Boggy Meadow, between the two paths, adjoining to the land of Timothy Carter and Thomas Carter, and on the east side thereof, bounded on the east by the highway to the Saw mill, north by Mr. Carter's woodland, south by a white oak near the highway; four acres and half of this was the right of Moses Cleveland, and two acres was the right of George Polly's, one half acre granted by the town.

[The selectmen met the 7 of Feb., 1687.] And perfected reckonings with several that the town was concerned with, as will largely appear in the day book, pages 100, 101 and 102.

The 22 of February, 1687, the inhabitants met and chose officers for to serve the year 1687.

FOR SELECTMEN.—Francis Kendall, Samuel Walker, William Locke, Increase Winn.

[An extract from a contemporary record is inserted here:

1686, July 30. About the same time Wm. Johnson, Esqr., is sharply reproved by the Council for his carriage on the Fast-day, staying at home himself and having a dozen men at his house; told him must take the Oath of Allegiance; he desired an hour's consideration, then said he could not take it; but when his *Mittimus* [was] writing, or written, he considered again, and took it rather than go to prison; objected against the clause of acknowledging it to be lawful authority who administered; would see the seals.—DIARY OF SAMUEL SEWALL, *Mass. Hist. Coll.*, 5th series, vol. 5, p. 145.

William Johnson was noted for his zeal for the old charter, and for his opposition to the change of government brought about by the appointment of Sir Edmund Andros as head of the colonial affairs. The above extract explains in part the character of his opposition and the dangers attending his course. On August 5th, following the above entry, Judge Sewall notes in the diary that a citizen of Topsfield was sent to prison for treasonable words spoken about the change of government, an offense for which the council said he was not bailable. Until this arbitrary government was overthrown by the people in 1689, William Johnson was deprived of his civic offices, as instanced first in his name being dropped at the regular election for selectmen in the above record and in his retirement from the office of recorder or town clerk not long afterward.]

FOR CONSTABLES.—Nathaniel Richardson, John Baker.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.—Joseph Richardson, John Mousall, Ralph Reed, Gershom Flagg.

SURVEYORS OF FENCES.—Benjamin Simonds, Samuel Richardson, John Pierce, Thomas Pierce.

FOR TO LOOK AFTER THE SWINE.—Henry Summers, Joseph Knight, Thomas Lepingwell.

FOR SEALERS OF LEATHER.—James Fowle, Aaron Cleveland.

FOR SEALER OF MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

Samuel Snow is granted five acres of bottom, where the top is his own, to make up what is wanting of his gift of land in Hungary Plain.

George Reed, Jr., is granted a little piece of swamp near his house, about half an acre, the top being his own.

Aaron Cleveland is granted half an acre of land, adjoining to his own land near Boggy Meadow path.

Jonathan Thompson, Jr., is granted about 1/2 acre of land near his barn, not damifying the highway.

John Locke is granted the remainder of Hog Swamp, after he hath four acres measured out.

These grants are to allow twelve pence on the acre, or more, at the selectmen's judgment.

The 7 of March, 1687, according to a warrant from Capt. Jonathan Wade, Capt. John Brown and Lieut. William Symmes, his majesty's justices of the peace, for the choosing of selectmen and other town officers, the inhabitants being free holders met and gave in votes for choice, as aforesaid.

FOR SELECTMEN.—Francis Kendall, William Locke, Samuel Walker, Increase Winn.

FOR CONSTABLES.—Nathaniel Richardson, Samuel Waters.

FOR HIGHWAYS.—Joseph Richardson, John Mousall, Ralph Reed, Gershom Flagg.

[132*] SURVEYORS FOR FENCES.—Benjamin Simonds, Samuel Richardson, John Pierce, Thomas Pierce.

SEALERS OF LEATHER.—James Fowle, Aaron Cleveland.

SEALER OF MEASURES.—Increase Winn.

FOR TO LOOK AFTER THE SWINE.—Henry Summers, Joseph Knight, John Holden.

[William Pierce, his land near his house.] Laid out to William Pierce two acres of land adjoining to his house, upon the account of swamp bottom, one acre and half he had of his brother John, and the other two quarters were his father's right.

[The 3 of May, 1687.] Laid out to Robert Eames his land at Shred Pine. Laid out to Robert Eames five acres of land granted him by the committee of the general court, to make up what was wanting of his proportion in the common lands and timber, and to be in full satisfaction of the same, adjoining to his own land at Shred Pine Meadow, bounded by the said meadow west, and the wood land of the second division east.

And at the same time, laid out to James Fowle seven acres of land, upon the account of swamp bottom, and adjoining to his land near Boggy Meadow Saw mill, two acres of it being the right of Nathaniel Pierce, granted him by the town, and the other five the right of Edward Winn.

[The selectmen met the 2 of August, 1687.] Mr. Samuel Carter, Israel Walker and George Brush are appointed a committee to settle the highway that is in difference between the land of James Simonds and William Reed, at the west end, near a place called Dry Brook, it being the ancient highway to Shawshin.

[Thomas Pierce, his land laid out by the committee, the 22 of June, 1688.] Laid out to Thomas Pierce one and twenty acres of land, in the lieu of swamp bottom, adjoining to Maple Meadow near Ladder Pole Swamp, on the south side the river, between said river and highway leading to Andover, bounded by the woodland of Increase Winn north, and on the southeast bounded by the woodland of Allen Converse, and south-west by said Pierce's woodland, and northwest by the line of Joseph Carter's meadow; also five acres of land more, laid out at the same time, lying about three score pole southward of the abovesaid land, and adjoining to Andover highway, bounded by the line of John Cutler's wood lot south, and the said way east, and the said Pierce's woodland elsewhere; also five acres more near Matthew Edwards, his bridge, and adjoining to Reading line, bounded north and east by Reading line and highway to said bridge, and Allen Converse his woodland elsewhere; six acres and one half were the right of his father Pierce, and six acres the right of Isaac Richardson.

[Daniel Baldwin's land laid out by the committee, the 22 of June, 1688.] Laid out to Daniel Baldwin three acres and sixty pole of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, at a place near Reading highway, and against Summers his land, bounded by said way on the south, and west and north by the woodland of John Wright, and east by the woodland of Gershom Flagg and James Fowle; three acres of it was the right of Henry Baldwin, on the new grant, and sixty pole the right of Joseph Richardson.

[Henry Baldwin, his land laid out by the committee, 22 of June, 1688.] Laid out to Deacon Henry Baldwin three acres and half of land, near New Bridge, bounded by the highway south and south-east, and Francis Wyman's meadow land northerly, and a brook coming out of said Baldwin's field on the east, it being on this right of swamp bottom.

[133*] [Samuel Converse, his land laid out by the committee, the 22 of June, 1688.] Laid out to Samuel Converse nine acres of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, near and adjoining to his house, bounded by his own land west and north, and by the land of Aaron Cleveland south, and east by Mr. Carter's woodland.

The 26 of April, 1688.

[Francis Kendall, his land laid out by the committee.] Laid out to Francis Kendall six acres of land, want twenty pole, on the account of swamp bottom, according to the new grant, it being the right of John Mousall, which lands lie adjoining to Clear Meadow Brook in Wood Hill, on the east side the way going to William Butters, and is part swamp land and part swamp.

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[Laid out by the committee ordered to lay out swamp bottom, to Timothy and Thomas Carter, six acres apiece, at or near Boggy Meadow, between the two paths, in lieu of swamp bottom, on their father's right and also, —

[Laid out to said Carters by the committee, eight acres of land, 26 April, '88.] Laid out to Timothy and Thomas Carter eight acres of bottom, on the account of the new grant, taken up on Mr. Thomas Carter's right, land laid out in the swamp, on the south side Wood Hill, near Cold Spring, all on their father's right, that is, three acres, one half of [it] to Timothy Carter, and four acres and half to Thomas Carter.

[Francis Kendall's land laid out by the committee.] Laid out to Francis Kendall, two acres of swamp, at a place near John Russell's land in Mount Playnum Field, bounded on the north by said field, and west by the land of George Brush, and south and east by the Common, laid out on the new account of swamp bottom.

[Laid out to the two Wilsons twelve acres granted by the town.] Laid out to Francis Wilson and Samuel Wilson six acres of land, near the said Samuel Wilson's house, in Wood Hill, which was granted them by the town for twelve shillings in money, which money they paid at the same time of the laying it out, bounded by the line of the Wymans' woodland north, and the highway west.

[Caleb Simonds's land laid out.] Laid out by order of the committee, on the 20 day of June, 1692, a parcel of land in lieu of swamp bottom, to Caleb Simonds, containing three acres and three quarters, at a place called Dry Brook in the bounds of the town of Woburn; bounded on the west by Shawshin path, and north by the woodland of Joseph Skelton, south by woodland of Benjamin Simonds.

[Israel Walker's land laid out.] On the same day, and by the same order, laid out to Israel Walker, two acres and one half, on the account of swamp bottom, and in the bounds of the sixth eighth, near Mount Playnum Hill, on the north west side, bounded by

the woodland of Ralph Reed west, north by the woodland and east.

[John Walker's land laid out.] On the same day, laid out to John Walker, son to Samuel Walker, a parcel of land, on the account of swamp bottom, at a place called Long Meadow, and adjoining to said meadow, about four score pole long, leaving a highway to said meadow, and is bounded by said way on the west, the land of Jonathan Pierce south, Joseph Winn's land east, with Jonathan Pierce's fence and the said Walker's own land north, by estimation, eight acres.

[134*]. And on the same day, laid out to said John Walker, a parcel more of land, adjoining to his house, nine acres and half, bounded north and east by the highway, and westerly by his own woodland, and south by his own arable land and fence; six acres of these two parcels of land were on his father's right and —

Laid out to John Richardson, Jr., the contents of six acres of land, in lieu of swamp bottom lost.

[The 22 of February, 1687, granted to James Thompson six acres of bottom.] James Thompson is granted leave to take up six acres of bottom with the rest of the proprietors, paying as they do, upon an acre one shilling, and every proprietor is to pay one third part of his money by the next May Day, and the other two thirds one in May eighty-nine, and the other in the year ninety.

[Ebenezer Johnson's land laid out, the 10 of January, 1694.] Laid out by order of the committee to Ebenezer Johnson, six acres of land on the north-west of his house, adjoining to the Great Meadow River, the which was upon the account of swamp bottom.

[Edward Johnson's land laid out.] Laid out to Edward Johnson, by order of the committee, four acres, where the top was his own, near John Reed's house, the which was granted him by the town, and he paid his money for it.

[William Brush's land laid out.] Laid out to William Brush, on the account of John Locke's swamp bottom, three acres, near Sam'l Wilson's house; also eight acres more, adjoining to his own land, all on the account of swamp bottom.

[The 12th February, 1694, Francis and Samuel Wilson's land laid out.] Laid out to Samuel Wilson and Francis Wilson, seven acres and half of land, adjoining to Samuel Wilson's orchard, on the plain, being fifty two pole in length, and two and thirty pole breadth, on the end next the highway, laid out by the committee, the 12 February, 1694, on the account of swamp bottom; five acres of it on their father's account, and the other on Robert Pierce's right; and at the same time, laid out to Sam'l Wilson, two acres between the two highways, at the east end of Forest Field Hill, and all on the account of the third division of Swamp Bottom.

[The end. 129 blank pages follow.]

[NOTE.—The back part of the book is taken up with an appendix containing records of lands, which are esteemed of great value in tracing the titles of estates. This part of the book is a reversion of the former, being turned over and re-paged from the fly-leaves onward. In this arrangement the first four pages of the inverted order are blank, while the fifth contains a crude index to the part, which we intend to reproduce with the remaining matter of the records.]

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[The so called inverted pages of the records.]
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[v*] [A crude index to the following pages of records.]

John Mousall.—John Mousall's records of land entered in page 16 and page 26.
Will. Johnson.—William Johnson's records of lands entered page 18, 19, 22, 23, 27, 34.
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Richard Nevers.—Records of lands belonging to Richard Nevers, page 15.
Will. Butters.—Records of lands belonging to Will. Butters, page 20.
Gershom Flagg.—Records of lands belonging to Gershom Flagg, page 21.
Mr. Thomas Carter.—Records of lands belonging to Mr. Thomas Carter, page 25.
Richard Gardner.—Records of lands belonging to Richard Gardner, page 12 and 13.
John Burbeen.—Records of lands belonging to John Burbeen, page 28.
Henry Brooks.—Records of lands belonging to Henry Brooks, page 29.
Henry Tottingham.—Records of lands belonging to Henry Tottingham, page 30 and 31.
Joseph Richardson.—Records of lands belonging to Joseph Richardson, entered page 33.
John Mousall.—Records of lands belonging to John Mousall, entered page 16 and 26.
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[vii*] Records of swamp bottom, entered in the year 1683.—

Francis Wyman, at Mount Playnum Hill, 6 acres. [The rest of the page blank.]

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[ix.*] 1692. Records of lands in Woburn that belong to James Converse, Sen.

Imprimis. To his homestead, about twenty acres upland and meadow, bounded east by the [Aberjona] River and Josiah Converse's land, southwest by Wm. Symmes, northwest by Wedge Pond; together with thirty four acres, more or less, on the east side of the River bounded by the River west, Wm. Symmes south, the 500 acres of woodland south-east, Sam'l Converse, his land north-east; also twenty-two acres, more or less, at a place called the Indian Hills, bounded by land that was Wm. Green's south-east, Josiah Converse's land northwest, Wm. Johnson northeast, and the woodland south-west; [*] [year '66 granted, page 32, otherside the book.] also fifteen acres, more or less, that the town was indebted to him, and is laid out to him by the committee in two parts, viz., twelve acres, more or less, near Shawshin, adjoining to the farm called the Church's Farm, bounded by Billerica line north and north-west, and by the lots, southwest and southeast, in form as upon the margin [fig.] and the other three acres, more or less, by his son James Converse's barn, bounded by Winter Pond south, the highway by the Mountain northwest, and said James Converse, his own land that he purchased of Wm. Johnson northeast, and by a little valley leading from the highway to Winter Pond southwest; it being James Converse's woodland on that side;

and this last piece was laid out to James Converse, Jr., by order of the committee, viz: Capt. John Carter, Deacon Josiah Converse and Sergeant Thos. Pierce, with the help of Capt. Wm. Johnson, who was a surveyor to the committee; and all this fifteen acres was given in both pieces by James Converse, Sen., to his son James Converse, Jr.

Also thirty four acres, more or less, upon the plain, called the Great Field, bounded by the land of Wm. Symmes southeast, Richard Gardner northwest, Josiah Converse northeast, John Carter and Wm. Johnson southwest; only four acres, part thereof lyeth at the west corner, out of the square of the other, but it just joins at the west corner, it being four acres of that which was called Davidson's.

Also about sixteen acres of meadow land near Mr. Jabez Fox's house, called Long Meadow; also about six acres of meadow in the town, adjoining to that which was Bartholomew Pearson's meadow, and John Wright, Sen.'s, land, and John Seers's.

Also about five acres of meadow at Buck Meadow, bounded, Elijah Tottingham southwest, Josiah Converse south-east, Gershom Flagg northwest, the up-

land northeast. Also about eight acres of meadow in the Mill Pond Meadow; about five acres thereof above Blind Bridge, upon the two brooks that come out of Horn Pond and Wedge Pond; and the other three acres on the east side of the way adjoining to Mr. Hale's meadow.

Also a skirt of upland on the north-west and southeast sides of Wedge Pond, undivided with Josiah Converse.

Also one piece of land at Hodge's Hole, nine acres and a half, more or less, adjoining to William Locke north, and Wm. Johnson south.

There is also another lot of nine acres and a half, more or less, on Maple Meadow Plain, adjoining to Wm. Johnson; and one other lot on the northwest of Maple Meadow River, adjoining to Francis Kendall; fifteen acres, more or less, given to John Pierce, as part of his wife's portion; and three or four acres of swamp at Maple Meadow.

Also fifty-four acres of upland and meadow, at a place called Lebanon, purchased of John Russell, and given to James Pierce, the son of John Pierce.

Besides, there are divers tracts of woodland and herbage belonging to the said James Converse, Sen., besides what he gave to his son James that are not yet divided between him and Josiah and Sam'l Converse, in the first eighth of wood lands in said Woburn.

Also a cedar lot at Ladder Pole Swamp, adjoining to Wm. Johnson's lot.

[x*]. Records of lands belonging to James Converse, Jr., (1699) in Woburn.

Imprimis. To his homestead, twenty-five acres, more or less, that was Shepardson's lot, bounded by Josiah Converse south-east, that which was Henry Brooks's northwest, Richard Gardner's southwest, John Crowe's (that was) northeast.

Also twenty-eight acres, more or less, part of that which was John Crowe's, bounded by James Converse, that was Daniel Shepardson's southwest, James Fowle, the other part of Crowe's lot, northeast, James and Josiah Converse's land southeast, and Thomas Belknap's land northwest.

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Also five acres of land, purchased of William Johnson, that was Henry Brooks, at the northwest end of Shepardson's lot, and adjoining thereto; and also four acres of land, more or less, that he had of the town, three acres thereof upon his father's account, and the other acre given him by the town; and it lyeth between the highway and Winter Pond, adjoining to his own land.

Also about fifty acres of upland and meadow land, purchased of Wm. Hamlet, bounded by Horn Pond northwest, Thos. Belknap southeast, Horn Pond Brook, northeast, and on the southwest side, partly by Sam'l Pierce's, and partly by the common.

Also two acres, more or less, purchased of Wm. Hamlet, on the side of the Mountain, by Samuel Pierce's field.

Also ten acres and a half of upland, more or less, bought of Wm. Johnson, at a place called Powell's Lot, the southeast end thereof; bounded southeast by John Carter, northwest by the other part of the said lot, and by Richard Gardner's woodland elsewhere.

Also fourteen acres of land in the thick woods, part of that which was Capt. Carter's great lot, and it joins to Wm. Johnson's land, that was John Seers.

Also about four acres and a half of meadow, at a place called Hodge's Hole, bounded Wm. Locke north, Wm. Bruce south, the river west, and the lots, called Hodge's Hole lots, east.

Also about five acres of meadow in the town near Mr. Fox's, which is called Long's Meadow, undivided from his father's.

Also about one acre and half of land upon the plain, adjoining to Shepardson's lot, that he had of Josiah Converse, and it lyeth at the south corner of said lot.

Also two tracts of woodland one reaches from Sam'l Pierce's orchard over the Mountain to Stony Lane; thirty acres, more or less, and about twenty acres more, adjoining to Stony Lane, on the southwest side thereof, and reaches home to Hutchinson's lot.

There is also twenty-four acres of Hutchinson's lot, given to his children, per Capt. Carter, that is not sold nor divided, at the date hereof. Also a piece of meadow of eight pounds, in great meadow; eight pounds belongs to his children, but the piece cost ten; forty shillings belongs to his right; it is two acres, that was John Knight's on the west side of the river, adjoining to Josiah Johnson's land north, and that which was Matt. Johnson's south, upland west, brook east.

Also six shares of the overplus land of the young men's lots, near Matt Edwards, his neck of land, and his father Converse's lot at Lebanon, that was given him by his said father, about a quarter of an acre of it, because there was little cedar in it, that made his lot the bigger,

[xi*]. A record of a testimony of Maj. Wm. Johnson and Francis Kendall, concerning Clear Meadow and Cherry Meadow, May the 30th, 1699.

Wm. Johnson and Francis Kendall, both of lawful age, do testify that several years since, when the said Wm. Johnson laid out the small lots on the other side Clear Meadow Brook, namely, on the northwest side thereof, he laid out the said lots not quite home to the said meadows by about a pole and half, because the said meadows, viz., Clear Meadow and Cherry Meadow, were legally possessed by several of the inhabitants of Woburn, the proprietors thereof, for many years past, as being granted and laid out to them by order of the town of Woburn, May the 30th, 1699.

Francis Kendall made oath to the truth of what is above written, before me,
WM. JOHNSON, Justice.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—Consult map of the Water-field lots in the "Winchester Record," vol. 2, for location of Shepardson's, John Crowe's, Powell's and Hutchinson's lots in 1633. Also description accompanying for number of acres, etc. Davidson or Davison's lot is evidently an ownership later than 1633 of another of these lots.]

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[xii*] Records of land belonging to Richard Gardner in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year, 1678.

[Samuel Blogget's lot, 10 acres.] One parcel of woodland in the eighth division, that was formerly Samuel Blogget's, lying near his own land, by estimation ten acres, be it more or less, bounded by the woodland of William Johnson west, and the woodland of Matthew Johnson east, and south by the land of the said Richard Gardner, and north by the woodland of Matthew Johnson.

[20 acres.] One parcel of woodland situate in the eighth division near the Great Meadow, by estimation twenty acres, be it more or less, bounded by the brook that cometh out of Bull Meadow, and the said meadow south, by the meadows on the west side the Great Meadow River east, by the line of the first and seventh division north, and by Cambridge bounds west.

[Meadow. 10 acres at Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow lying in the Great Meadow, on the east side the river, near the bridge, by estimation 10 acres, be it more or less, bounded by the meadow land of William Johnson and the meadow land of Robert Pierce north, the meadow land of Sam'l Walker and the highway south, and the river west.

[Round Meadow, 10 acres.] One parcel of meadow land, being at a place commonly called Round Meadow, containing all the said meadow, by estimation ten acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Robert Pierce north, and a highway south east, and the woodland of the sixth division elsewhere.

[xiii*] Records of land belonging to Richard Gardner in the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1678.

[The dwelling house.] One dwelling house and barn, with forty and seven acres of arable land adjoining to it, situate in Plain Street, near Winter Pond, part of it being formerly a lot that was Seth Sweetser's of Charlestown, and part of it being part of a lot that was formerly Edward Gibbons's, and part given by the town of Woburn, bounded by the land of James Converse on the east, and on the southeast by the land of Josiah Converse and the land of James Converse, Sen., and on the south by the land of the said James Converse, and west by the land of Matthew Johnson, and northerly by Winter Pond and the highway to the meeting-house, and a line from the said highway to Winter Pond.

[Swamp at Simple Bridge. 6 [acres.] One parcel of land situate near Matthew Johnson's and Simple Bridge, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the meadow land of William Johnson east, and the highway leading to the west end south, Horn Pond Hill lying north of it, and northwest by a line between the said land and the woodland of James Converse, part of it being swamp and all granted by the town of Woburn.

[One lot in Maple Meadow Plain. 3½ [acres.] One parcel of land lying in Maple Meadow Plain, by estimation three acres and three quarters, being a lot given by the town, bounded by John Tidd's land north, and Sam'l Walker's land south, west by the highway, and east by the third division.

[One lot at Hay Field. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$] One lot situate near the Wymans' 500 acres, by estimation three acres and three quarters, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Tidd east, and the land of Sam'l Walker west, the Wymans' 500 acres south, and the second range of lots north.

[5. One lot in Timber Field.] One lot more given by the town, situate in Timber Field, by estimation five acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Russell west, and the land of Robert Pierce east.

[30. Pine Field.] One parcel of land given by the town, situate in Pine Field, by estimation thirty acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Capt. John Carter south, and the land of John Pierce north, the land of William Johnson west, and the land of Matthew Johnson east.

[30. Pine Field.] One parcel of land given by the town, situate in Pine Field, by estimation thirty acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of James Thompson west, and the land of Mr. Thomas Carter east, and the woodland of Hopestill Foster south, and the land of Francis Wyman north.

[Woodland. 12 acres.] One parcel of woodland, situate in the eighth division, by estimation ten acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of William Johnson west and north, and by the woodland of the said William Johnson east and south; about two acres more on the west of William Johnson's land, bounded east and north by the land of the said William Johnson, and west by the woodland of John Green, and south by the woodland of Capt. Edward Johnson.

[20 acres.] One parcel more, situate in the eighth division, near the Sawmill Pond, bounded by the woodland of William Johnson south, and the woodland of John Green north, by Cambridge line west, and the land of Mr. Wade east, by estimation twenty acres, be it more or less.

[6 acres.] One parcel more, situate in the eighth division, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Matthew Johnson east, and the land of Sam'l Blogget west and north, by the land of John Carter north, and the wood land of Matthew Johnson south, by estimation.

[xiv*]. Whereas, there was an exchange of two lots laid out by Capt. Sherman between John Richardson and Isaac Brooks, Sen., in the year 1680, the lot of John Richardson lying in Pine Meadow Plain next to said Isaac Brooks, and by estimation is three acres, more or less; the other a lot of Isaac Brooks's laid out by Capt. Sherman near the Wymans' farm and adjoins to John Richardson's lot; those lots were exchanged by the said John Richardson and Isaac Brooks in the year 1680; and the one, that is to say, John Richardson's being sold to Richard Nevers, that there may be no trouble hereafter about said land, but they may remain a good, proper, and perfect inheritance to us, and either of us, our heirs and assigns forever, to have and to hold as above exchanged, we, John Richardson and Isaac Brooks, son to said Isaac Brooks, have set to our hands.

JOHN RICHARDSON, SEN.
ISAAC BROOKS.

Witness:

William Johnson.

Abigail Johnson \ddagger her mark.

Lieut. John Richardson and Isaac Brooks both personally appeared, the sixth of March, 1693-4, and acknowledged the above writing to be their voluntary act and deed.

Before WILLIAM JOHNSON, Justice.

[xv*]. Records of lands belonging to Richard Nevers lying in the bounds of Woburn, entered in the year 1674.

[18. Lawrence's lot in Waterfield.] *Imprimis*, one lot, that was formerly John Lawrence's of Charlestown, but now in the possession of Richard Nevers, it lying in Waterfield, and is bounded by William Johnson's land east, and the land of Capt. Edward Johnson south, and the woodland of the eighth division west, and the woodland of the seventh division north, it being eighteen acres, more or less.

[2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Isaac Brooks's lot.] One parcel of land, lying in Pine Meadow Plain, being formerly Isaac Brooks's, by estimation two acres $\frac{1}{2}$, more or less, bounded east by Edward Winn, and west by John Richardson, south by the eighth division.

[3 $\frac{1}{2}$. John Richardson's lot.] One parcel of land, bought of John Richardson, lying in Pine Meadow Plain, containing by estimation three acres and one quarter, more or less, bounded by the fore-said Isaac Brooks east, Francis Wyman west, Capt. John Carter north, the wood land of the eighth division south.

[3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Jonathan Thompson's lot.] One lot bought of Jonathan Thompson, lying in Pine Meadow Plain, containing three acres and half, more or less, bounded by the land of Henry Brooks east, and the land of Samuel Converse west, the wood land of the eighth division north.

[5. John Seers's lot.] One lot bought of John Seers, lying in Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation five acres, more or less, bounded by John Russell east, and Edward Iron west.

[5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Joseph Carter's lot.] One lot bought of Henry Summers, Jr., which was formerly Joseph Carter's, lying in Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation five acres $\frac{1}{2}$, more or less, bounded by the land of John Wilson east, and the wood land of the eighth division west and north.

[14. $\frac{1}{2}$ William Locke's lot.] One lot bought of William Locke, lying in Maple Meadow Plain, by estimation four acres and half, bounded by the land of Ensign James Converse north, and the land of Francis Kendall south, the highway west, and the woodland of the third division east.

[Arable land. $41 \frac{1}{2}$, total sum.]

[Meadow. $1 \frac{1}{2}$. Meadow in Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow, bought of John Johnson, that was formerly Richard Holden's, lying or being at a place called Great Meadow, being one acre and half, more or less.

[3. Rock Meadow Swamp.] One parcel of swamp, lying or being in Rock Meadow Swamp, purchased of Caleb Simonds, bounded by Ralph Reed south, and Richard Holden north, containing three acres, more or less.

[3. Rock Meadow Swamp.] One parcel of swamp, lying in Rock Meadow Swamp, being three acres, more or less, bounded by the foresaid Simonds' land south, and the woodland of the eighth division north, and the plough land lots west, the wood land of the seventh division east; this land was purchased of John Johnson, and was given to Richard Holden by the town.

[Swamp. $7 \frac{1}{2}$ total.]

One parcel of timber land, purchased of John Green, lying in the eighth division, at a place called Beach Island, containing three acres, more or less, bounded by Will. Locke west, and John Johnson east.

[Woodland. 3. Woodland in the eighth division. 5. 8 total.] One parcel of woodland, purchased of John Green, lying in the eighth division, containing five acres more or less, bounded by William Locke south, and John Johnson north, Capt. Cooke's land west, and Capt. Johnson's land east.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—Seth Sweetser's lot, near Winter Pond; Edward Gibbon's lot; John Lawrence's lot in Waterfield, are shown on the map of the Waterfield lots of 1638, in "Winchester Record" vol. 2. John Lawrence's lot was then his father's Henry Lawrence's. The ranges or divisions beyond the seventh appear to be based on the original survey as in the map of Waterfield, where seven divisions are shown.]

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[xvi*] Records of lands belonging to John Mousall in the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1673.

[Acres. 60. Hopewell house.] *Imprimis* one dwelling house, barns, stables and out houses, with sixty acres of land thereunto belonging, situate or lying at a place called Hilly Way, bounded by the land of James Thompson southwest, and John Burbeen and the highway also southwest, Henry Brooks south, and by John Brooks to the east; it being part of an inheritance that was his father Deacon John Mousall's, and known by the name of Hopewell house; and is farther bounded north by a highway.

[30. Palgrave's lot.] One parcel of arable land, lying in Waterfield, which is part of a lot given formerly to Mr. Palgrave by Charlestown, containing thirty acres more or less, bounded north by Mr. Thomas Carter, and west by Horn Pond, south by John Brooks, and east by John Burbeen and the highway.

[10. Noble Hill.] One parcel of land at Mount Discovery, containing ten acres more or less, bounded east by Bartholomew Pearson, north and west by John Brooks, and south by his own woodlot, given him in the second division.

[6. Maple Meadow Plain.] One parcel of land, being a lot given him by the town, containing six acres more or less, lying at Maple Meadow Plain, bounded by the third eighth south and east, the highway west, and John Cragin north.

[6. Timber Field.] One parcel of land containing six acres more or less, being a lot lying in Timber Field, bounded by John Cragin east, and Allen Converse west.

[1.] One parcel of meadow lying in Boggy Meadow, one acre more or less, bounded Edward Winn west, George Polly north, Mr. Thomas Carter south.

[1. Boggy Meadow.] One parcel of meadow more, in Boggy Meadow, containing one acre more or less, bounded north and east by Mr. Thomas Carter, and south by Abraham Jaquith.

[1. New Bridge.] One parcel of meadow in New Bridge Field, containing one acre more or less, bounded east by George Polly, and elsewhere by John Pierce.

[2. Hog's Hole.] One parcel of meadow in Hog's Hole, containing two acres more or less, bounded by William Johnson north, and a brook between Robert Pierce's meadow and his south, and the lots of Mr. Carter and Robert Eames east.

[3. Great Meadow Swamp.] One parcel of swamp in Great Meadow Swamp, containing one acre and half, and another adjoining to it, which was formerly John Brooks's, containing one acre and half; in all, three acres more or less, bounded William Locke south and William Johnson, northwest by the river, and east by a cross lot that belonged to the said John Mousall.

[1.] One acre more in the Great Meadow Swamp, containing one acre more or less, bounded east by Josiah Converse, and west by the range of lots before mentioned.

[1.] One parcel of swamp more in Great Meadow Swamp, lying along the river, half an acre more or less.

[4. Woodland.] One parcel of woodland at Mount Discovery, in the second division, containing four acres more or less, bounded north by his own land, and the woodland of James Thompson southeast, and John Brooks northeast.

[3. Cow Pen.] One parcel of wood land at the Cow Pen, containing three acres more or less, bounded north by Henry Tottingham, east by Bartholomew Pearson, and west by John Brooks.

[10. Wood Hill.] One parcel of wood land lying in Wood Hill, being part of fifty acres laid to the second division, containing ten acres more or less, bounded east on the third eighth, north on Clear Meadow Brook, west by John Brooks, and south by Henry Brooks.

[6. Forest Field.] One parcel of woodland at Forest Field Hill, containing six acres more or less, bounded north by Henry Brooks, west by James Thompson, south by John Brooks, east by the fifth eighth.

[10. Break Neck Hill.] One parcel of woodland at Break Neck Hill, containing ten acres more or less, bounded by the Wymans west, Capt. Carter south, Henry Brooks east, and Increase Winn's lot north.

[1. Great Meadow Swamp.] One lot more in Great Meadow Swamp that was John Brooks, being one acre more or less, bounded by Matthew Johnson west, and the land of James Converse south, and north by the woodland of William Johnson.

[1.] One little 'ot more near the river, bounded by the land of Josiah Converse west, and William Johnson south and north.

[xvii*] Records of land belonging to John Brooks in the Town of Woburn, entered in the year 1673.

[Acres. 80. Hopewell house.] *Imprimis*, one dwelling house, barn, stables, out houses, with eighty acres more or less, thereunto belonging, situate or lying at a place called Hilly Way, bounded by the land of John Mousall southwest, and south by fifteen acres not divided between John Mousall and John Brooks, northeast by ten acres of land belonging to John Mousall, and east by the land of Ephraim Buck and the woodland of John Brooks; it being part of the inheritance of his father-in-law Deacon John Mousall, and was formerly known by the name of Hopewell house; and is farther bounded north by a highway.

[10. Palgrave's lot.] One parcel of arable land lying in Waterfield, which is part of a lot that was formerly Mr. Palgrave's, and given him by Charlestown, bounded by John Mousall north, Horn Pond west, Henry Brooks south, and the highway east, being by estimation ten acres more or less.

[8. Maple Meadow Plain.] One parcel of land, situate or lying in Maple Meadow Plain, containing eight acres and a quarter more or less, bounded by the third division south and west, and north by Ralph Reed, and the highway east.

[8.] One parcel of land, situate or being in a place called — containing eight acres and a qr. more or less bounded —

[8. Woodland.] One parcel of woodland, lying at Mount Discovery, being in the second division, bounded by John Mousall south, Mr. Graves east, and Bartholomew Pearson north, by estimation eight acres more or less.

[1. Cow Pen.] One parcel of woodland, lying in the Cow Pen, containing one acre more or less, bounded east by John Mousall, north by Henry Tottingham, and west by the land of John Brooks.

[10. Wood Hill.] One parcel of woodland containing ten acres more or less, being at a place called Wood Hill, and part of fifty acres that was laid to the second division, bounded by the woodland of John Mousall east, and by Clear Meadow Brook north, and by the land reserved for church officers west, and south by the woodland of Henry Brooks.

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[6. Forest Field.] One parcel of woodland lying at a place called Forest Field Hill, being part of the second eighth, containing six acres more or less, bounded by the fifth eighth east, and north by John Mousall, and west by Samuel Carter, and south by the sixth eighth.

[2. Break Neck Hill.] One parcel of woodland containing two acres more or less, lying at a place called Break Neck Hill, bounded west by Henry Brooks, and east by the woodland of James Thompson, and north by the lots, it being an addition to the second eighth.

One parcel of woodland toward Hundred Acre Meadow, near Reading line.

[Swamp—]

[xviii*]. Records of lands belonging to William Johnson entered, lying in the bounds of Woburn, 1673.

[Acres, 50, Plain Street.] *Imprimis.* One dwelling house, barn, stables, and out houses, with fifty acres adjoining thereunto, of arable land and meadow, situate or being in a place commonly called Plain Street, bounded by the land of John Green south, and the land of Matthew Johnson and John Carter east, and the land of Josiah and James Converse west, and the town common north.

[27. This was Hutchinson's lot.] One parcel of upland, by estimation twenty and seven acres more or less, situate in Waterfield, being the better half of a lot that was formerly George Hutchinson's, bounded by the land of John Carter west, and the land of Edward Johnson north, and the town Common east, and the land of Josiah Converse south.

[50. This was Hubbard's lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation fifty acres more or less, situate in Waterfield, bounded by the land of John Johnson north and east, and by the land of John Carter south, and by the land of Mr. Wade west.

[25. This was Isaac Cole's lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation twenty and five acres more or less, situate in Waterfield, bounded by the lands of William Bachelder east, and Abraham Pratt west.

[45. Abraham Pratt's lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation forty-five acres more or less, bounded by William Locke

and John Carter's woodland west, by the land that was Isaac Cole's east, but now in the possession of William Johnson, and to the land of Mr. Wade north, and the land of William Johnson south.

[45. Bachelder's lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation forty and five acres more or less, situate in Waterfield, bounded by the land of John Carter east, and by the land that was formerly Isaac Cole's west, and by the woodland of William Johnson south, and by the land of William Johnson north.

[15. Powell's lot.] One parcel of land, situate in Waterfield, by estimation fifteen acres more or less, bounded by the land of James Converse south, by the woodland of Richard Gardner east, and by the woodland of the said Gardner west.

[7½. Maple Meadow lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation seven acres and half, situate in Maple Meadow Plain, bounded by the land of John Pierce north, and the land of William Locke south.

[7½. Hog's Hole lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation seven acres and half situate in Hog's Hole, bounded by James Converse north, and Robert Pierce south, and the Pine Swamp west.

[7½. Timber Field lot.] One parcel of land, by estimation seven acres and half, situate in Timber Field, bounded by John Carter east and Henry Tottingham west.

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[6.] One parcel of woodland, by estimation six acres, situate in the eighth division, bounded by the land of Samuel Blogget east, and Cambridge line west.

[Woodland. 20. Eighth division of woodland.] One parcel of woodland, by estimation 20 acres more or less, bounded by the land of Josiah Converse east, and the wood lot of Richard Gardner west.

[25.] One parcel of woodland, by estimation twenty and five acres more or less, situate in the eighth division, bounded by Samuel Blogget south, and Richard Gardner north, it taking in the Mill Pond.

[12.] One parcel of woodland more, by estimation 12 acres more or less, situate in the eighth division, bounded by John Carter and John Green east, and John Carter's wood lot west, by estimation 12 acres more or less. Formerly William Locke's woodland.

[40.] One parcel of woodland more, situate in the eighth division, by estimation forty acres more or less, bounded by John Carter south, and Samuel Blogget north; formerly Capt. Edward Johnson's, by [20] estimation 20 acres, more or less, in the eighth division.

[In all 86; more 6 = 92.]

[EDITORIAL NOTE. — "Hilly Way:" Montvale Avenue, near junction of Prospect Street. "Hollow house:" second house erected in the original limits of Woburn, or the first erected in the present limits of the city. "Palgrave's lot" in Waterfield at Horn Pond—including the island in the pond—is shown in map of Waterfield in Vol. 2 of "Winchester Record." In its original dimensions this lot included land on both sides of the pond; and in the original description is said to be "divided by Horn Pond into three parts;" "an island in southwest side of the pond" being the third part.

Under description of William Johnson's lands, in the vicinity of "Plain Street," present Cambridge Street, in the westerly part of the present town of Winchester, where his dwelling-house with other buildings stood, "situate or being in a place commonly called Plain Street"—George Hutchinson's lot, Hubbard's lot, Isaac Cole's lot, Abraham Pratt's lot, Bachelder's lot, and Powell's lot, all in Waterfield, are shown on the celebrated map of the "first possessions of civilized man" in the past and present limits of Woburn. We state here with confidence, that we consider the homestead of William Johnson to have been the estate latterly known as the Luke Reed place in Winchester, in former times occupied by the second Thomas Belknap, and by Daniel Reed and others, and at present by Edward Russell.]

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[xix*] Records of land belonging to William Johnson, lying in the bounds of Woburn, 1673.

[Acres, 3½. Settle Meadow] One parcel of meadow lying in Waterfield, by estimation three acres and one half, bounded by the upland of John Johnson east, and by the brook called Turkey Hill Brook on the southwest, and the meadow land of Matthew Johnson north, and John Johnson southeast.

[3. Long Meadow.] One parcel of meadow by estimation three acres more or less, with all the swamp adjoining to it, called by the name of Long Meadow, bounded south by John Green, and north by John Johnson.

[3. Brook Meadow.] One parcel of meadow lying in Brook Meadow, by estimation three acres more or less, bounded by the river east, and Matthew Johnson south, and the Common elsewhere.

[7. Little Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow land, lying in Great Meadow above the bridge on the west side the river, by estimation seven acres more or less, bounded by John Carter south, and the Common elsewhere.

[6. Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow lying below the bridge in Great Meadow on the west side the river, by estimation 6 acres more or less, bounded by Matthew Johnson north, and Josiah Converse south, and the river east.

[3. Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow lying in Great Meadow below the island, by estimation three acres more or less, bounded by Matthew Johnson north and south, and the river east.

[5. Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow in Great meadow below the bridge on the east side the river, by estimation five acres more or less, bounded by Robert Pierce north, and Richard Gardner south.

[1½. Great Meadow.] One parcel of meadow in Great Meadow lying in Hog's Hole, by estimation one acre and half, bounded by George Bruce north and John Mousall south.

[3.] One parcel of meadow at Simple Bridge, by estimation three acres more or less, situate on the north side of Horn Pond Hill, bounded by Matthew Johnson's land east, Richard Gardner west, and the highway from Upstreet south, Horn Pond Hill north.

[1½. Great Meadow Swamp.] One parcel of swamp lying in Great Meadow Swamp, containing one acre and half, bounded by William Locke north, and Josiah Converse south.

[2.] One parcel of swamp lying in Great Meadow Swamp, containing two acres, bounded by John Mousall south, and a cross range of lots north, and the river west.

[1½.] One parcel of swamp, by estimation one acre and half, lying in Great Meadow Swamp, bounded by William Locke north, and Josiah Converse south.

[1.] One acre more in Great Meadow Swamp, bounded William Locke west, and Ensign Converse east.

[1.] One acre more in this swamp near Glazier's land bounded—
All 39 acres.

[3½. Farrar's lot.] One parcel of land purchased of John Farrar, lying in Pine Meadow Plain, containing three acres and quarter, bounded by Henry Tottingham east and John Burbeen west.

[7½. Simonds's lot.] One parcel of land purchased of Widow Simonds in Pine Meadow Plain, bounded by Sam'l Converse east, and John Seers west, by estimation seven acres and a half more or less.

[4½. Polly's lot.] One parcel of land purchased of George Polly, lying in Maple Meadow Plain, by estimation four acres and a quarter, bounded by Bartholomew Pearson south and Richard Post north.

[3½. Eames lot.] One parcel of land exchanged with Robert Eames, situate in Hodge's Hole, by estimation six acres and ½, bounded by Mr. Thomas Carter south and Francis Wyman's land north.

[2½. Joanna Mousall's lots.] Two parcels of land purchased of John Brooks, one acre and quarter apiece, one in Timber Field adjoining to a lot that was formerly Capt. Edward Johnson's, and the other adjoining to a lot of John Burbeen's lying at Pine Meadow Plain.

All 20 acres and 4-8.

[xx*] Records of lands belonging to William Butters in the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1674.

[19 acres.] *Imprimis*, one dwelling house, barn and out houses, with nineteen acres of land thereunto belonging, situate or lying at a place commonly called Boggy Meadow Field, seven of it being formerly the land of Isaac Brooks, as will appear by a deed under his hand and seal, bearing date the tenth day of March, one thousand six hundred seventy and three, bounded east and west by the land of Joseph Carter, south by Will. Butters, and north by the land of Robert Eames, the other twelve purchased of Joseph Carter, Sen., as will appear by a deed under his hand and seal, bearing date the eleventh day of March, one thousand six hundred seventy and three, bounded north by the land of Gershom Flagg, south and west to the Common, east to the meadow land of John Wright and John Russell.

[7 acres, Summers's lot. 7 acres, Jos. Pierce's lot. 7 acres, Aaron Cleveland's lot.] One parcel of land more, lying southward of Settle Meadow, being a lot purchased of Henry Summers, by estimation seven acres; and seven acres adjoining to it, being given by the town to Joseph Pierce; also one lot adjoining to that of seven acres given by the town to Aaron Cleveland; all three lots being purchased by the said William Butters of Henry Summers, aforesaid are bounded north and northwest by the land that was Caleb Farlow's, and east by the land of Israel Walker, and south by the land of Gershom Flagg, and west by the land of Samuel Pierce.

[10 acres, Sam'l Pierce's lot.] One parcel of land more, bought of Samuel Pierce, by estimation ten acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Henry Summers, aforesaid, east, also by the land of Gershom Flagg east, and by the land of Robert Eames west, and the swamp land of John Wright south, and the land of John Mousall north.

[xxi*] Records of lands belonging to Gershom Flagg in the town of Woburn, 1673.

[High Street. 1. One dwelling house in High Street.] *Imprimis* one dwelling house, bark house, mill house and beam house, tan vats, with an acre of land more or less, thereunto belonging, being or situate in High Street, near the meeting house, bounded west by Mr. Thomas Carter, and east by the burying place, south by the training-field. This house and land was some bought and some given by the town.

[3 Acres. Dunham's.] One parcel of land formerly John Dunham's situate at the north end of the town, by estimation 3 acres more or less, bounded by Moses Cleveland north, and by Francis Wyman east and west, and the town Common elsewhere.

[Standfast Street. 2. One house and land in Standfast Street.] One house in Standfast Street with barn and out house, and five acres of land more or less adjoining thereunto, bounded north by Moses Cleveland and south by a common highway, called Standfast Street. This house and land was formerly Abraham Parker's.

[Step Rock. 2. Two acres of meadow.] One parcel of meadow in Step Rock Meadow, being by estimation 2 acres more or less, bounded John Wright north, Henry Summers south, and the town Common elsewhere.

[Boggy Meadow Field. 14 acres. 14 acres of upland.] One parcel of upland in Boggy Field, by estimation 14 acres more or less, bounded by the Saw mill land south, by Robert Eames north, William Butters east, Michael Lepingwell west.

[5. 5 acres of upland.] One parcel of land more in Boggy Field, by estimation five acres more or less, bounded by Zachariah Converse north and west, and the town Common elsewhere.

[Maple Meadow Plain. 4 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ plough land.] One lot in Maple Meadow Plain, bought of my father Lepingwell, by estimation four acres and half, bounded by the land of Francis Kendall north, and the land of James Thompson south, the highway west, and the woodland of the third division east.

[Maple Meadow Plain. 4 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$.] One parcel of land more in Maple Meadow Plain, had of Matthew Johnson, by estimation four acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Henry Summers north, and the land of John Russell, Jr., south, the highway west, and the woodland of the third division east.

One lot more in —
[xxii*]. Records of land belonging to William Johnson, lying in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered ('77).

[86. Great lots.] One parcel of land lying in Pine Field, otherways called the Great lots, by estimation eighty and six acres, bounded by Increase Winn north, and the land of James Fowle south, Billerica line west, and Mr. Thomas Carter's land east.

[40. Seers's lot.] One parcel of land lying or being at a place called Pine Field, or the Great Lots, given by the town formerly to John Seers, by estimation forty acres, be it more or less, bounded south by Samuel Blogget and north by the land of John Carter, west by Joseph Richardson, and east by John Wright's land.

[25. Green's lot.] One parcel of land bought of John Green, by estimation 25 acres, be it more or less, situate in Pine Field, bounded by the land of Robert Pierce south, and the land of John Wilson north, Billerica line west, and the land of Bartholomew Pearson east.

[4. Brooks' lot.] One parcel of land bought of Timothy Brooks, lying near the Wymans' 500 acres, by estimation four acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Bartholomew Pearson east, and the land of Michael Bacon west, and the land of John Wyman south, and the second range of lots north.

These lots of Timothy Brooks' are twice recorded in these two leaves.

[64. Bacon's lot.] One parcel of land to the westward of the foresaid lot, by estimation six acres and three quarters, be it more or less, bounded west by John Knight, and south by John Wyman, north by the second range of lots.

[12. Tim. Brooks' lot.] One lot more, situate in Timber Field, near Dirty Swamp, by estimation twelve acres, bought of Timothy Brooks, bounded west by Joseph Knight, and south by Henry Brooks, and east by Henry Brooks.

[4. At Ladder Pole Swamp.] One parcel of make meadow, near the Cedar Swamp, called Ladder Pole Swamp, by estimation 4 acres and half, bounded by Settle Meadow Brook west, Maple Meadow River south, and a line between the Cedar Swamp and that.

[24. Maple Meadow Swamp.] One parcel of swamp more at Maple Meadow River, by estimation two acres and half, bounded by the swamp of Josiah Converse east, and the swamp of John Wright west, the river south, and the land of Samuel Pierce north.

[34. Deacon Converse's lots in Great Meadow Swamp.] One parcel of swamp land, purchased of Josiah Converse, by estimation one acre and half, lying in the Great Meadow Swamp, bounded by the river west, and the land of Samuel Blogget south, and adjoining to his own land north, and on the east end to the land of John Mousall, also one parcel in the same swamp by estimation two acres, be it more or less, lying cross the said swamp, bounded by the land of William Locke east, and the land of John Mousall west, and either end abutting on the upland.

[24. 4. Simonds lot at Hog's Hole.] One lot of upland, purchased of Joseph Simonds, lying at a place called Hog's Hole, and was formerly Michael Knights, by estimation two acres and half and half quarter, be it more or less, it being the fourth lot bounded by the land of John Cutler south, and the land of Moses Cleveland north, the woodland of the sixth division east, and the Great Meadow west.

[24. 4. Cutler's lot in Hog's Hole.] One lot more, purchased of the town, being formerly the land of John Cutler, and of him by law recovered, by estimation one acre and half quarter, and half quarter, lying at a place called Hog's Hole, bounded by the land of Michael Knight north, and the land of Thomas Whittemore south and the Great Meadow west.

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[xxiii*] Records of lands belonging to William Johnson, lying in the bounds of Woburn, entered 1677.

[64. Capt. Johnson's lot.] One parcel of land laid out to my father, Capt. Edward Johnson, in Timber Field, by estimation six acres and quarter, bounded by the land Mistress Graves east, and the land of Theophilus Richardson west, it being the seventh lot.

[12. Timothy Brooks's lots.] One parcel of land, purchased of Timothy Brooks, lying in Timber Field, by estimation 12 acres more or less, bounded by the land of Joseph Knight west, and the land of Henry Brooks east.

[47.] One parcel of land purchased of Timothy Brooks, lying near the Wymans, by estimation four acres and half, bounded by the land of Michael Bacon west, and the land of Bartholomew Pearson east.

[1. Cedar Swamp.] One parcel of Cedar Swamp, situate in Lebanon, by estimation half an acre more or less, bounded by Josiah Converse east, and the swamp of Sam'l Converse west, it lying in the seventh division.

One parcel of Cedar Swamp lying in Ladder Pole Swamp, about a rood, bounded by Ensign Converse's land west, and the land of the eighth division east.

[Woodland. 6. It was Isaac Brooks.] One parcel of woodland situate in the eighth division, formerly Isaac Brooks, by estimation six acres, bounded by the land of John Green east, and the land of John Johnson west.

[10. It was Brooks's lot.] One parcel woodland more, purchased of Isaac Brooks, in the eighth division, by estimation 10 acres, bounded by John Green's land south, and the land of John Johnson north; with these lots there is the herbage belonging to them.

[5. Beach Island.] One parcel of woodland, by estimation five acres more or less, lying in the eighth division, near Beach Island, bounded by the land of John Johnson west, and the land of Matthew Johnson east.

[15. Kettell's lot.] One parcel of land purchased of Richard Kettell, on which the Saw mill standeth, by estimation fifteen acres, bounded by the land of Mr. Wade south, the town Common east, and the land of Matthew Johnson west, and the Sawmill Brook north.

[10. Woodland at Bull Meadow.] One parcel of woodland lying in the eighth division, by estimation ten acres, bounded by Bull Meadow north, Cambridge line west, Concord Path south, and Capt. Carter's woodland east.

[6. Woodland at Spring Meadow.] One parcel of woodland, lying in the eighth division, by estimation 6 acres, bounded by Spring Meadow and brook north, by Rock Meadow tail east, and Rock Meadow, the Pine Plain south, and John Johnson's swamp west.

[12. Rock Meadow Swamp woodland.] One parcel of woodland, lying in the eighth division, by estimation 12 acres, bounded by Capt. John Carter's swamp, being Rock Meadow Swamp east, Michael Bacon's swamp south, the lots on Pine Meadow Plain west, and Rock Meadow north.

[13. Woodland by Wilson's.] One parcel of woodland, lying near the Great Meadow Swamp, on the north side, by estimation twenty acres, be it more or less, given by the town in consideration of the timberland taken from him in the Pine Plain, claimed by the 7th division, being bounded by John Glazier's land north-east, and the Wymans' land north, the proprietors of the Great Meadow Swamp south, and the Great Meadow River west, and north by John Wilson's land.

[30 acres of the young men.] One parcel of land bought of 42 young men, lying near Ladder Pole Swamp, by estimation thirty acres, be it more or less, and given them by the town, bounded by Reading line east, and Matthew Edwards's land south, and the young men's lots north, and Ladder Pole Swamp south, and John Baker's land west. Look in Page 27.

[xxiv*] Records of land belonging to John Burbeen in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1678.

Imprimis. One dwelling house, barn and out house there unto belonging, together with twelve acres of land adjoining, be it more or less, situate in South Street on the north side, bounded by the lands of Mr. Thomas Carter and John Mousall west, and by the land of Robert Eames north, and the above said street east, part of it being formerly in the possession of Henry Brooks, and part in the possession of John Baker, and bought of him and given to the said John Burbeen, and the other part bought of John Knight, as will appear by his deed under his hand and seal.

One parcel more on the east side the highway, by estimation one acre, be it more or less, bounded by the highway west, the land of James Thompson north, and the land of John Mousall east and south, it being bought with the house of John Knight.

One lot given by the town, lying near the Wymans, laid out by Ensign Sherman, by estimation two acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Joanna Mousall east and John Farrar west.

One parcel of land more, being a lot given by the town, laid out by Ensign Sherman, lying near the Pine Plain, called Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation two acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Farrar east, and the land of Joanna Mousall west.

One parcel of timber land situate on the south side of Horn Pond Hill, by estimation fifteen acres, be it more or less, bounded by the woodland of James Converse north and west, and by the land of William Johnson south, and by the land of Matthew Johnson and the highway east and southeast.

One parcel of woodland more, situate on the north side of Horn Pond Hill, and on the north of the highway leading to Sergeant Pierce's house, by estimation thirty acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Sergeant Thomas Pierce north, and the land of Caleb Farlow and Matthew Johnson west, and the woodland of Caleb Farlow south.

One parcel of swamp or make meadow, lying on the north of Horn Pond Hill, by estimation two acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Matthew Johnson west, and the woodland of Caleb Farlow south, and the woodland of John Burbeen elsewhere.

[xxv*] Records of land belonging to John Mousall lying in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in 1678.

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[49. Pine Field.] One parcel of land lying in Pine Field, or the Great Lots, by estimation forty and nine acres, bounded by the land of Caleb Farlow east, and the land of William Clarke west, the land of Robert Eames south, and the land of Matthew Johnson north.

[6. A lot at Clear Meadow.] One parcel of land, lying on the other side Clear Meadow Brook, by estimation six acres and a quarter more or less, bounded by the land of Josiah Converse east and John Burbeen's land north, Rock Pond Meadow west and Clear Meadow south.

[The 20th of May, 1679.] One parcel of swamp lying in the Great Meadow Swamp, on the north side the brook, which cometh from Sandy Bridge, lying near the Great River, by estimation a quarter of an acre or thereabouts, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Mousall south and west, and the land of William Johnson north; this parcel of swamp, I, Josiah Converse, have sold to John Mousall, as witness my hand.

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[xxvi*]. [Entered in the year 1677.] Records of lands belonging to Mr. Thomas Carter, first pastor of the church of Christ at Woburn.

Imprimis. One parcel of land by estimation — acres more or less, situate in High Street, on which the said town erected a house at the public charge of the inhabitants, and gave it with said land to Mr. Thomas Carter and his heirs forever, the land being bounded by the land of Mr. Robert Long north and west.

One parcel of land lying at a place commonly called Forest Field Hill, in the bounds of the town of Woburn, by estimation twelve acres, be it more or less, and is bounded north by the woodland of John Brooks, and east by the woodland of Henry Brooks, west also by the woodland of said John Brooks, it being laid out four score pole long and twenty-four pole wide, butting against Long Meadow Swamp.

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[xxviii*]. Records of lands belonging to William Johnson, entered in the year 1678, lying in the town of Woburn.

[7. Walker's lot.] One parcel of land, purchased of John Walker, by estimation seven acres, be it more or less, lying at a place called Old Cedar Swamp, bounded by the land of John Polly east, and the land of Joseph Simonds west, and south abutting on Maple Meadow River.

[7. Polly's lot.] One parcel of land, purchased of John Polly, by estimation seven acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Walker west, and the land of William Johnson east, and abutting on Maple Meadow River south, it lying in the Old Cedar Swamp.

[7. William Johnson's lot.] One parcel of land more, lying in the Old Cedar Swamp, given by the town to William Johnson, Jr., and by estimation seven acres, bounded by Settle Meadow Brook at the lower end, and by the lot of John Polly's west, and abutting on the river called Maple Meadow River south.

[2. At Pine Meadow for a sawmill. 1½ at the upper end of Pine Meadow for a pond.] One parcel of land, lying in a corner on the north end of Pine Meadow, bounded by the said meadow south east, and by the brook on the west and northwest, and the highway leading to Concord east and northeast, by estimation two acres, be it more or less, the top, that is the timber, bought of John Green, the bottom taken up on the swamp account: also one parcel of land, lying at the upper end of the said meadow, and is all the land below the brow of the Pine Plain, lying amongst the brook, the top or timber being bought of John Green, the bottom also taken up on the swamp account, it being about one acre and half, be it more or less.

[7. Saw mill Pond.] One parcel of land, by estimation seven acres, be it more or less, lying in the Sawmill Pond, the top being my own, the bottom taken up on the account of swamp, bounded by the woodland of Samuel Blogget south, and the woodland of William Johnson east and west, and the woodland of Richard Gardner north.

[4. Joseph Richardson's lot at Poor Meadow.] One lot bought of Joseph Richardson, by estimation four acres and half quarter, be it more or less, lying near Poor Meadow, bounded by the land of John Wright, west and the land of Joanna Mousall east.

[5. Joseph Richardson's lot at Cherry Meadow.] One lot more, bought of the said Joseph Richardson, by estimation five acres, be it more or less, lying at a place called Cherry Meadow, bounded by the land of Isaac Brooks east and the land of Ralph Reed west, and the brook south.

[4. Joseph Richardson's lot at Shawshin Path.] One lot more, bought of Joseph Richardson, by estimation four acres and half quarter, be it more or less, lying at the Wyman's farms, near Shawshin Path, laid out by Ensign Sherman, bounded by —

[6. Tottingham's lot at Poor Meadow.] One lot more, bought of Nehemiah Tottingham, laid out by Ensign Sherman, near Poor Meadow, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Farrar west, and the land of John Johnson east.

[3. Green's lot at Billerica Path.] One parcel of land, bought of John Glazier, one lot of it being formerly John Green's, laid out by John Sherman, near Billerica Path, by estimation three acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of James Fowle west and the land of Ralph Reed east.

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[xxviii*]. Records of lands belonging to John Burbeen in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1680.

[House plot. 12 acres.] *Imprimis*. One dwelling house, orchard and enclosures, situate in the bounds of the town of Woburn, at a place called South Street, by estimation twelve acres, be it more or less, bounded by the lands of John Mousall east and south, and the land of James Thompson north, also the land on the west side the highway, bounded by the land of Robert Eames north, and by the land of John Mousall south and west, and the foresaid highway or street going through it against the house.

[2^d. 5 acres of swamp.] One parcel of swamp lying on the northwest side Horn Pond Hill, taken up in the lieu of swamp bottom, by estimation two acres and half, bounded by the land of Matthew Johnson west and the common lands elsewhere.

[2^d. Upland at Winter Pond.] Also one parcel of upland lying near Winter Pond, on the west side the highway, by estimation two acres and quarter, be it more or less, bounded by the said highway east and the common lands elsewhere.

[2^d. Lot at Poor Meadow.] One parcel of land more, lying near Poor Meadow, laid out by Ensign Sherman, by estimation two acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of William Johnson east and west.

One parcel of land more lying near Break Neck Hill, by estimation two acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Farrar west, and the land of William Johnson east, laid out by Ensign Sherman.

[4th. North side at Maple Meadow.] One lot more on the north side of Maple Meadow River, by estimation four acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ part of an acre, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Sam^l Carter east and the land of James Thompson west.

[19. Great Lots.] One great lot, laid out by Lieut. William Johnson near Rock Pond Meadow, at a place called Timber Field, being by estimation nineteen acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Joseph Carter north and the meadow called Rock Pond Meadow south.

[15 acres of woodland.] One parcel of woodland lying on the east and south-east side of Horn Pond Hill given him by the town, by estimation sixteen acres, be it more or less, bounded by the wood land of James Converse north, and the woodland of Richard Gardner south, the highway east.

[20 acres of woodland.] One parcel of woodland more lying on the northwest side of Horn Pond Hill, between Sergeant Thomas Pierce's land and Wood Bridge, by estimation twenty acres, be it more or less, bounded by the woodland of William Hamlet west, and by the land of the said Thomas Pierce north, and by the land of Matthew Johnson south, and the woodland of William Hamlet east.

[xxix*]. Records of lands belonging to Henry Brooks in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1678.

Imprimis. One dwelling house, barn, stables and out housing thereunto belonging, situate in the bounds of the town of Woburn, at a place called South Street, the land thereunto belonging by estimation being one hundred and — acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of the heirs of Samuel Converse south, and the land of Mr. Wade southwest, and by the land of Caleb Farlow west, parted by the river that runneth out of Horn Pond, about 60 pole, then by the land of Caleb Farlow north, and the land of James Converse west, and by Horn Pond west, by the land of John Brooks north, and the land of John Mousall and John Brooks northeast and east, and the land of Theophilus Richardson east.

One parcel of land in Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation five acres and half, be it more or less, bounded by the land

[6. Lot at Dirty Swamp] One lot in Timber Field, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Mr. Graves west, and the land of Jonathan Thompson east, laid out by Ensign Sherman.

[6. Pine Meadow lot.] One lot at Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Mr. Graves east, and the land of Jonathan Thompson west, the woodland of John Carter north, and the highway south, laid out by Ensign Sherman.

[8. Lot at Dirty Swamp.] One lot in Timber Field, by estimation eight acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Timothy Brooks west, and the land of Joseph Carter east, laid out by William Johnson.

[45. Great Lot.] One lot in Pine Field, called the Great Lots, by estimation forty and five acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Snow west, and the land of Isaac Richardson east, laid out by William Johnson.

One parcel of timberland, lying in Wood Hill, by estimation ten acres, be it more or less, bounded by the woodland of —

[xxx*]. Records of lands belonging to Henry Tottingham, lying in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1678.

[Old House. 8 acres of land.] One dwelling house and barn situate at a place on the east side the meetinghouse, called Hilly Way, with eight acres of land adjoining to it, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Wright, Abraham Jaquith and James Fowle west, and the land of Bartholomew Pearson north and east, and running over the highway south.

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[xxxix*]. Records of lands belonging to Henry Tottingham, lying in the bounds of Woburn and Reading, entered in the year, 1678.

[40. Dwelling house.] *Imprimis*. One dwelling-house, barn, stable and out housing thereunto belonging, together with forty acres of land adjoining, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Richardson south, and the land of Abraham Jaquith west, the river east, it lying on the highway to Reading.

[6. Bottom lot.] One parcel of upland on the east side the river, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the way to Reading south, the meadow land of the Converse west, and the common lands north.

[6. Timber Field lot.] One parcel of land situate in Timber Field, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of William Johnson east and the land of Henry Baldwin west.

[6. Pine Meadow Plain.] One parcel of land, lying or being at a place called Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation six acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Farrar west, and the land of John Johnson east, and the division called the eighth division south, and a highway north.

[53. Pine Field lot.] One parcel of and lying in Pine Field, or the Great Lots, by estimation fifty and one acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Ensign James Converse south, and the land of John Wyman north, and Billerica line west, and Samuel Richardson's land east, it lying cross Lubber's Brook.

[6. Timber Field lot, 2.] One lot situate in Timber Field, laid out by Ensign Sherman, bounded by the land of John Johnson east, and John Farrar west, by estimation 6 acres, be it more or less.

[Meadow. 1. Rock Pond.] One acre of meadow lying at Rock Pond, in a spaug on a swamp, leading northerly, bounded by the Common.

[3 qr. Cherry Meadow.] One parcel at Cherry Meadow, by estimation three roods, be it more or less, bounded by the meadow land of John Tidd, and Bartholomew Pearson west and east.

[3 qr. Bear Hole.] One parcel of meadow land at a place called Bear Hole, by estimation three roods, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Henry Baldwin, and Michael Lepingwell on either side.

[4. Buck Meadow.] One parcel of meadow land, lying at Buck Meadow, by estimation four acres, be it more or less, by the river west, the land of Thomas Pierce north, and the meadow land of James Converse south, the Common east.

[4. Buck Meadow.] One parcel of meadow land on the west side Buck Meadow River, by estimation four acres be it more or less, bounded by the land of the Converse east, the Common north and south.

[4. Parley Meadow.] One parcel of meadow land at Parley Meadow, by estimation four acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Bartholomew Pearson northwest, and south and east by Reading line.

[In Reading bounds. 5. Bear Meadow.] One parcel of meadow in Reading bounds, at a place called Bear Meadow, by estimation five acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Benjamin Smith north, and the land of Goodman Dustin south, and the Common elsewhere.

[20. Bellflower's.] One parcel of meadow near Bellflower's house, by estimation twenty acres, be it more or less,

bounded by the highway east, and north by the land of Jeremiah Swain, and south by the land of John Boutell, and west by a highway.

[xxxii*] Records of lands belonging to John Carter in the township of Woburn.

January the 27th, 1690, then laid out to John Carter, fourteen acres and a quarter of land, upon the account of swamp bottom, where the top, viz:—the wood and timber, is his own already, at a place near Bull Meadow; two acres part thereof, lyeth on the west side Brook Meadow, on the northwest side Bull Meadow Brook, bounded by the said Brook Meadow east, the cart way leading to the Saw mill west, Bull Meadow Brook south, and the woodland belonging to Richard Gardner's heirs north; there being about half an acre of this where the Saw mill stands, and for the Saw mill yard, and one acre and a half that is another part thereof, that lyeth on the south east side of said brook, adjoining to Brook Meadow, home to a great oak, marked for a bounds between John Carter and Josiah Wood's meadow; and ten acres and three quarters more, that is the remainder of the aforesaid fourteen and a quarter, lyeth a little nearer Bull Meadow, bounded as followeth: a great rock at the southeasterly corner, and so runs over that part of a hill to the line of Major Johnson's woodland southwest, near Bull Meadow, to a limb of a tree, marked as it lyeth on the ground, and so it is bounded by Maj. Johnson's line southwest, till it comes to Bull Meadow Brook, and bounded by the said brook, which parts between John Carter's woodland and Richard Gardner's heirs northerly, and so near the highway leading to the Saw-mill easterly, and so runs up to the rock again, where it began, and this is laid out upon the right of Capt. John Carter and John Green.—

Laid out by Francis Kendall and Joseph Wright, Sen., two of the committee.

[xxxiii*] Records of lands belonging to Joseph Richardson in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1678.

[55 acres. Part March's lot in Waterfield.] *Imprimis*. One dwelling house, barn, stables and outhousing and saw mill, together with fifty and five acres of land adjoining, be it more or less, part of which was formerly John March's lot of Charlestown, and part given by the town of Woburn, on which is built a saw mill, being half his own, bounded by the land of James Thompson east and south, and the land of Samuel Converse west, also Buck Meadow River west, and the common lands north, and the highway to Reading.

[Meadow. 5 in Reading.] One parcel of meadow in Hundred Acres, by estimation five acres, be it more or less, bounded by Bartholomew Pearson east and John Burnett west.

[Meadow. 7. Reading.] One parcel of meadow in Reading bounds, in a meadow called Birch Meadow, by estimation seven acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Mr. Hough north, and the land of James Pike east, and the common lands elsewhere.

[Woburn. 4½ Pine Meadow Plain.] One lot laid out by Ensign Sherman, situate in Pine Meadow Plain, by estimation four acres and ½ part of an acre, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Joanna Mousall east, and the land of John Wright west, the woodland of the eighth division south, and the highway north.

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[44. Timber Field lot.] One parcel or land laid out by Ensign Sherman, in Timber Field, near the Wymans' farms, by estimation four acres and $\frac{1}{4}$ part, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Joanna Mousall east, and the land of John Wright west, the Wymans' land south, and in the second range of lots north.

[5. by Clear Meadow.] One lot more, laid out by William Johnson, lying in Timber Field, by estimation five acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of Isaac Brooks east, and the land of Ralph Reed west.

[33. Great lot.] One parcel of land in the bounds of the town of Woburn, at a place called Pine Plain, or the Great Lots, laid out by William Johnson, by estimation thirty and three acres, be it more or less, bounded by the land of John Wilson south, and the land of Gershom Flagg north, Billerica line west, and the second range of lots east.

[54. Swamp Bottom.] April the 25th. 1694, laid out by the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, to Joseph Richardson, five acres and one half of upland, in the lieu of swamp, four acres thereof lyeth near a place called Snake Hole, adjoining to Eleazer Flagg's land on the west, 36 poles, and southeast on the woodland of Elijah Tottingham, and north by the said Richardson's own woodland, and the other acre near said Richardson's field, leaving the highway four poles wide, bounded by John Richardson's land north, the highway to said Richardson's, namely Pearson's house, west, and a white oak tree and a heap of stones east, the country road south east.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—John March's lot in Waterfield is shown on the well known map in the Winchester Record, vol. ii.

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[xxxiv*]. Records of lands belonging to William Johnson, lying in the bounds of the town of Woburn, entered in the year 1681.

[15. Green's lot at Sandy Bridge.] *Imprimis*. One parcel of land, purchased of John Glazier, by estimation fifteen acres, be it more or less, being formerly given by the town to William Green's heirs, lying at a place called Sandy Bridge, bounded by the land of John Carter north, and west by the town Common, and east and south by the common land, also laid out and well bounded.

[21. Glazier's lot of 21 acres.] One parcel of land more, bought of the said John Glazier, by estimation twenty and one acres, be it more or less, given him by several proprietors, and laid out and bounded by town order, lying and being at a place called Sandy Bridge on the south side, it lying on both sides the brook, bounded by the common land east, south and west, and a highway north.

[34. Green's lot at Billerica Road.] One lot more, purchased of said Glazier, lying near the Wymans' farm, by estimation 3 acres and $\frac{1}{4}$, bounded by the land of James Fowle west, and Ralph Reed east.

[4 acres.] One parcel of land, purchased of John Knight by exchange, lying in Hodge's Hole, at the east end of his father's wood lot, it being the two thirds of said lot, bounded by the woodland of Jonathan Thompson south, and the woodland of Richard Post north.

[Ben Johnson, entered July 13th, 1698.] July 8, 1698, then the committee for swamp bottom laid out to Benjamin Johnson, seven acres in the swamp, near David Mead's land; four acres thereof upon the town grant, March the 1st, 1694-5, and the other three upon the right of his father, Wm. Johnson; bounded south by Capt. Carter's land, north by James Thompson's woodland, and a line of marked trees on each side said swamp. Attest, Wm. JOHNSON.

[xxxv*]. [1694.] Records of lands belonging to John Walker, Jr., in the bounds of Woburn.

[4 acres of swamp.] *Imprimis*. Laid out to John Walker, Jr., on the 24th of Sept., 1694, 4 acres of swamp on the account of a grant in the town book formerly to Edward Walker, and is laid out at a place called Bear Hole, adjoining to the land of George Reed, Jr., on the northeast, and the woodland of Deacon Sam'l Walker southerly, John Cragin's meadow northerly, and on the west upon the other woodland also.

[Further, 6 acres $\frac{1}{4}$. 1 acre. 2 acres $\frac{1}{4}$.] Laid out to the said John Walker, the day above said, six acres and three quarters on the third division of swamp bottom, upon the account of swamp bottom, and it is laid out in the sixth division, butting upon the land of Israel Walker on the northwest, and by John Walker's woodland elsewhere; also one acre more lying near it, and is bounded on the north partly by Israel Walker, and westerly by the highway, and elsewhere by John Walker's woodland; also two acres more and one quarter of an acre, adjoining to his own land, and is bounded between his own woodland; two acres and half of these lands above is upon John Bruce's account, and the rest on Deacon Sam'l Walker's account, laid out by

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FRANCIS KENDALL,
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[December the 5th, 1695. Entered May the 18th, 1702.] Laid out by order of the the committee appointed for laying swamp bottom, to William Green, three acres at a place near Sam'l Snow's house, and adjoining to the land of William Bruce north, the highway east, his own woodland west, and Jonathan Thompson's south, taken up upon the right of John Bruce one acre and half, and one acre and half on Lepingwell's right.

Attest, WILLIAM JOHNSON
FRANCIS KENDALL.

[April the 14th, 1702. Entered May the 18th, 1702.] The committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom met, and laid out for William Green, 10 acres of land, bounded west by Jacob Wyman and the highway, east and north by the said Green's own woodland; further, the same day, laid out for the said William Green half an acre in another place, bounded west upon the highway, east and south upon his own land and meadow; this ten acres and one half being taken upon Lepingwell's right.

FRANCIS KENDALL, his X mark.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

[xxxvi*]. [1694.] Records of lands belonging to Israel Walker, laid out in the bounds of Woburn.

[9 acres.] Sept. 24th, 1694, laid out to Israel Walker in the sixth division, nine acres of land as swamp bottom, bounded westerly by Joseph Wright and Joseph Winn, and east by the woodland of said Israel Walker, south by John Walker, Jr., and north by Joseph Wright; all upon Israel Walker's own account, laid out per

WILLIAM JOHNSON and
FRANCIS KENDALL,
two of the committee.

[1679.] By this present writing be it known to all whom it may concern, that we, Samuel Walker, Sen., and Israel Walker, both of the town of Woburn, and county of Middlesex, have jointly agreed and made division of all the out lands belonging to the said Sam'l Walker, lying within the bounds of Woburn, the one half of the said lands now belonging to the above named Israel Walker, as is specified by deed of sale from the said Samuel to the said Israel; the half above mentioned belongs to Israel Walker, according as we have divided, lyeth as follows:— The first lot lying in the Great Swamp in Wood Hill; the second lying at Cold Spring; the third lying at Boggy Field; the fourth lot lying at the upper end of Maple Meadow; the fifth lot lying at Forest Field Hill. [This lot at Forest Field Hill was purchased by Sam'l Walker, Sen., of George Polly, Sen., as per a writing under Geo. Polly's hand, dated Nov, the sixth, 1674;] the sixth lot lying at Break Neck Hill; the seventh lot at Baker's Meadow; finally half that lot lying at Frog Hole, unto the premises, as our full and final agreement, we, the parties, above mentioned, have set to our hands, the thirteenth day of January, one thousand six hundred, seventy-nine.

SAMUEL WALKER, his S mark.
ISRAEL WALKER.

Witness:
Samuel Carter,
Eljah Tottingham.

Woburn, November the 5th, in the year 1674. Then received of Samuel Walker, Sen., living in the above said town, Maltster, by his son Israel, of said town, husbandman, one fat cow, in full of one wood lot, that I, George Polly, Sen., carpenter, living in the above said town, have sold to said Walker; this lot lies in the 5th division; also it lies in two places, one part of it lies in a place commonly called Forest Field Hill, it is bounded on the north side by the land of Sam'l Snow, Sen., and on the south side by the land of John Baker, it is by estimation three acres; the other part of this lies on the north side of Hungary Plain, bounded by John Baker's land on the south side, and on the north side by John Wyman's land, and westward by the country road, and eastward to a Pine Hill, about two acres; I say received by me, George Polly, Sen., as witness my hand.

GEORGE POLLY.
His X mark.

Witness:
John Glazier.
His O mark.
Israel Walker.

[xxxvii*] For Sam'l Johnson, 40 acres.] Records of lands laid out by the committee for swamp bottom, to Lieut. Matthew Johnson, at a place called Beach Island, which land contains by estimation forty acres, more or less; twenty acres thereof upon the town's account, for which he was made Dr., and reckoned off with the town ten pounds; the other twenty acres was part upon his own, part upon his father's, and part upon John Johnson's accounts, and it is bounded by Cambridge line southwest, William Johnson southeast, and the brook that runs from Beach Island northwest, and his own woodland northeast, April 10th, 1693.

Laid out per MAJ. WM. JOHNSON, and
LIEUT. JAMES CONVERSE.

[May the 28th, 1698. 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$] Then laid out to Sam'l Johnson, four acres and a quarter land, upon account of swamp bottom, on his father's right; part of it on Beach Island, and part on the south of Rattle Snake Pond, adjoining to his own land, and upon the woodland of William Johnson, that he sold to the said Samuel Johnson, laid out by WILLIAM JOHNSON and FRANCIS KENDALL, committee.

[1697. 3 acres.] Records of lands belonging to David Roberts, laid out by the committee for swamp bottom, 3 acres more or less, granted him by the town of Woburn, the first of March, 1696-7, and it is situate in the township of Woburn, near the said Roberts his house, on the southeast side of the highway, bounded east by David Roberts his land, north by David Roberts his woodland, and west by said Roberts his woodland, and south by John Mousall's woodland. April 20th, 1697, laid out per

MAJ. WILLIAM JOHNSON
and FRANCIS KENDALL.

XXXXVIII
[xxxviii*] June the 20, 1683.
[Joseph Winn 17 acres.] Then laid out to Joseph Winn seventeen acres of land, upon the account of swamp bottom, at a place called Mount Playnum, on the north side thereof, bounded by Billerica highway on the east, Lieut. John Wyman's woodland south, the woodland of John Farrar north, and the land of Wm. Johnson west; seven acres thereof upon Henry Brooks' account, namely, upon his right, three acres and one half upon Edward Winn's right; three acres and one half upon his own right; and three acres upon Wm. Simonds his right; seventeen in all.

Attest, per WM. JOHNSON, surveyor, and one of the committee.
Received and entered, July the 28th, 1697.

June 24th, 1697.
[5 acres.] Then laid out to Joseph Winn, five acres of land, upon the account of swamp bottom, at a place near James Proctor's house, on the south side thereof, bounded by a highway on the north and west, and the town's Common elsewhere.

Laid out per order of the committee appointed for that end. Entered July the 28th, 1697.

Attest, WILLIAM JOHNSON, surveyor, and one of said committee.

XXXXIX
[xxxix*] Records of lands belonging to Josiah Converse.

[Josiah Converse. 2 acres.] November the 27th, 1697. Then laid out to Josiah Converse, by the committee for swamp bottom, two acres of land upon the eastward of his farm, bounded on the north by Mr. John Hale's corner, and from thence forty-eight poles along by his own land southward, and then eastward to a stump near the highway that leads into the woods, twenty four poles; then to the rocks, twelve poles, and along said rocks to Mr. Hale's corner again, allowing four poles from Mr. Hale's corner eastward at that end.

Laid out per WILLIAM JOHNSON and JAMES CONVERSE, SEN., two of the committee.

Entered Nov. 30th, 1697.

XL
[xli*] [Benj. Simonds, June 10th, 1696. 4 acres.] Records of lands belonging to Benjamin Simonds. June the tenth, 1696, then laid out to Benjamin Simonds, per order of the committee for the laying out of swamp bottom, four acres at a place near Hog Swamp, or otherwise called John Locke's swamp, bounded by the woodland of Jonathan Thompson south, Joseph Winn east, George Bruce north, and the woodland of Joseph Wright and Caleb Simonds west.

Laid out per WILLIAM JOHNSON, FRANCIS KENDALL, two of said committee.

Records of lands belonging to James Simonds.

January the 27th, 1699. Then laid out to James Simonds, fourteen acres of land, in the lieu of swamp bottom, between the two highways; the one leading to Hodge's Hole, and the other to the lower end of Long Meadow; and bounded by the woodland of James Simonds north, west and southeast, there being marked trees at two corners and heaps of stones at the other two corners.

Laid out per FRANCIS KENDALL, JOSEPH WRIGHT, committee.

Two acres of this upon Isaac Farrar's account, the rest upon John Polly's account.

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[xlii*]. Records of lands belonging to Robert Dale, July the 8th, 1698.

[Robert Dale's land entered July 13, 1698.] Then laid out to Robert Dale eight acres of land as swamp bottom, adjoining to his house plot, part of said eight acres on the southeast of his house, taking in the pond between the two paths; the one of them leading to the Wynmans, and the other to Billerica, and a part of it is west of his house, and part northerly; six acres thereof upon the town's grant to said Dale, at a general meeting, March the first, 1694-5, and the other two acres upon the account of Wm. Johnson, and upon his right, bounded on the southeast by the Wynmans' highway and westerly by marked trees, and easterly by a line from highway to highway; all laid out by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom.

Attest, WM. JOHNSON.

[John Richardson's land.] April the 10th, 1694. Laid out by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, six acres and half of land, in the lieu of swamp bottom to John Richardson, near John Holden's house, bounded by the said Richardson's woodland on every side.

Attest, WM. JOHNSON, per order of the committee.

XLIII
[xliii*]. Records of lands belonging to James Locke.

May the 17th, 1700. Then laid out to James Locke of Woburn, twenty-three acres and a half, where the top is his own already, at a place called the Pine Mountain, on the south side thereof, near Cambridge line, bounded by the woodland of Josiah Johnson east, south by the woodland of Josiah Johnson east, south by the woodland that was Matthew Johnson's and Sam'l Blogget's and the said James Locke's woodland elsewhere; twenty acres thereof upon James Converse's account, and three acres and a half given him by the proprietors of this town of Woburn, at their meeting, April 22nd, 1700.

Laid out per MAJ. WILLIAM JOHNSON and FRANCIS KENDALL, two of the committee.

Records of lands belonging to John Converse. September the 17th, 1700.

Then laid out to John Converse two acres and one half, upon the Rocks, to the eastward of the Converse's mill, at a place called Skunk Hill, upon the account of swamp bottom, upon the right of his father, and it is bounded southward by the path that leads to Skunk Hill, beginning at a white oak tree marked, and from thence to the edge of the Rocks, the highway left out, and so along the edge of the Rocks, and northward, it comes to a point, and from thence by marked trees to the edge of the Rocks westerly, until it comes to the said white oak again.

Laid out by LIEUT. JAMES CONVERSE and DEACON JOSEPH WRIGHT, two of the committee.

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December the 17th, 1700. Then laid out to Henry Walker, nine acres and one quarter of swamp bottom, where the top is his own already, at the back side of Mount Playnum Hill, the right of the above said nine acres and one quarter being bought of Isaac Farrar; eight acres thereof said Farrar bought of Sam'l Converse, and the remaining part thereof being one acre and quarter, the right of said Isaac Farrar's father.

Laid out per MAJ. WILLIAM JOHNSON and FRANCIS KENDALL, two of the committee.

[Entered March the 22nd 1700-1.] December the 17th, 1700, then laid out to Ensign Israel Walker, one acre and quarter, upon his own right of swamp bottom, adjoining to his field on the east side thereof.

Laid out by WILLIAM JOHNSON and FRANCIS KENDALL, two of the committee.

[xlili*] March the 3rd, 1700-1. Bounds agreed upon and settled between the proprietors of the woodland of the seventh division, and the other woodlands adjoining to Cherry Mead and the said Cherry Meadow, Wm. Bruce having bought great part of Cherry Meadow, the said Wm. agreed with the proprietors of the woodland aforesaid, namely, Francis Kendall, Joseph Wright, Jonathan Thompson and Henry Baldwin, and new marked bounds between them, namely, Francis Kendall on the southerly side, where it is upland, the upland is the bounds, the line running one pole unto the upland in all places, and at the swamp at the south end there are four birch trees marked, and Joseph Wright's woodland is on the east side, bounded by several marked trees, viz: two white oaks, a maple, and a birch, and a little white oak; and at the north end Sam'l Eames hath a piece of swampy meadow land, bounded from Wm. Bruce his Cherry Meadow with a stake, and a maple tree, and Henry Baldwin's woodland on the east side, two red oak-trees marked with H: B. on one side and W: B. on the other side, and several other marked trees on the edge of the upland; and Jonathan Thompson's meadow is on the northeast side, and there is in that line marked a maple and a birch; these parties were all together when they stated these lines, and they came all together (except Sam'l Eames) to the town clerk and ordered it to be recorded, with these very boundaries, as here they are set down, dated as above, —

JAMES CONVERSE, town clerk for Woburn.

[xliv*] Records of lands belonging to John Wright, Senior, Woburn, 1701.

In primis, to his homestead, eighteen acres thereof bought of Joshua Sawyer, that was formerly Moses Cleveland, Jr.'s, lot, bounded south by the road that leads [to] Reading, west by the highway to Boggy Meadow Sawmill, east partly by the land of Daniel Baldwin and said Wright's own land; and sixteen acres more thereof, being formerly the right of the said John Wright's father, deceased, bounded, northwest by the highway to Boggy Meadow Sawmill, east by the land of Gershom Flagg, south by the

land and woodland of Daniel Baldwin and James Fowle, west by the eighteen acres bought of Joshua Sawyer, above expressed; and seven acres, the remaining part thereof, was bought of Gershom Flagg, Senior, deceased, bounded north by land that was Increase Winn's, west by a highway to Boggy Meadow, south and east the woodland that formerly belonged to Gershom, Sen., deceased.

Also one piece of land at Boggy Field, that was formerly the said John Wright's father's, being four acres, more or less, bounded by the land of Robert Eames northwest, east by John Walker, Sen.'s, land, south by a piece of land that was formerly Ensign Joseph Winn's, adjoining to the Sawmill, west by Boggy Meadow Brook.

Also four acres of land more, at Boggy Field, being four acres, more or less, is bounded north, west and south by the land of John Walker, Sen., and is bounded east by the land of Eleazer Flagg.

Also fifteen acres of upland and swamp in Hungary Plain Field, which formerly belonged to the said John Wright's father, John Wright, deceased, bounded north by John Snow's land, west by a highway that goes through said Hungary Plain Field, south by the land of Deacon Joseph Wright, and east by the land that was formerly John Wilson, Sen.'s, deceased.

Also one piece of woodland in the 3rd eighth, near Joseph Winn's meadow, bounded south by the woodland of Daniel Baldwin, east by Reading line, north by the meadow that was formerly Israel Reed's, west by Andover Road.

Also one woodlot at the head of Willow Meadow, bounded west by the woodland that was formerly the Rev. Mr. Thomas Carter's, south by Mr. Carter's woodland, and the woodland of James Fowle, east by the woodland that was formerly George Bruce's, and is bounded north by Mr. Carter's woodland.

Also one woodlot on the north side of Step Rock Meadow, bounded north by the woodland that was formerly John Mousall's, west by John Tidd's woodland, south by James Fowle's woodland, east by woodland formerly belonging to Mr. Thomas Carter, deceased.

Also one woodlot, near Berry Meadow, bounded northwest by Daniel Baldwin's woodland, northeast by Sam'l Walker's woodland, south by the woodland that was Abraham Jaquith's.

Also one woodlot in Wood Hill Swamp, bounded east by a woodlot, formerly John Seers', now in the possession of Daniel Baldwin, west by Jacob Kendall's land.

Also one piece of meadow at Lowe's Meadow, four acres, more or less, is bounded east by Reading line, north and west by the town's Common, south by the meadow of Robert Eames.

More, one piece of meadow at said Lowe's Meadow, two acres, more or less, bounded south by Zachary Converse's meadow, north by a piece of meadow that was Sam'l Converse's, east by woodland.

Also one piece of meadow at Step Rock, two acres, more or less, and is bounded south by Joshua Sawyer's meadow, west by the woodland of the 3rd eighth, north by Zachary Converse's upland and meadow, east by woodland belonging to some of the second eighth.

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[xlvi*] Further records of lands belonging to John Wright, Sen., in Woburn, 1701. To 3 quarters of one acre of meadow at Boggy Meadow, bounded northeast by Timothy Carter's meadow, northwest by one island in said Boggy Meadow, southeast by the town highway.

Also one piece of meadow land, at a place called Settle Meadow, being by estimation two acres, more or less, and is bounded north by the meadow land of Deacon William Locke, south by the meadow land that was formerly Deacon Henry Baldwin's, east and west by the town's herbage.

[xlvi*] These present, witness that, whereas, there was a difference between Nathaniel Richardson, Sen., and John Holden, both of Woburn, in the county of Middlesex, in New England, yeomen, with reference to the line between their land, at the north side of John Holden's farm, and they came to this following loving agreement between themselves, namely, that the line shall run from Stephen Richardson's land, from a great crooked white oak-tree marked, at the south corner of the land where Andrew Beard lived, and so to a bastard black oak marked, in the fence, from thence by a straight line to a black oak marked, near the east corner of the field, that was Andrew Beard's field, and then the line turns of a little crooked to the eastward, and hath several marked black oak-trees in that line only; one is a little white oak upon the brow of the hill, near Charlestown line, and so it runs to a great white oak-tree marked, in Charlestown line, and this is to be the dividing line between the said Richardson and Holden forever hereafter, as witness their hands and seals, this twenty-fourth day of May, in the thirteenth year of his Majesty's reign, *annoque domini*, 1701.

NATHANIEL RICHARDSON, SEN. (seal)
JOHN HOLDEN, (seal)
Witness the mark W of Stephen Williams, Nathaniel Richardson, Jr., James Converse.

This agreement entered May the 30th, 1701, per order of the said Richardson and Holden, per JAMES FOWLE, town clerk.

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[xlvi*] December the 17th, 1701. Then laid out to John Lilly, by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, two acres of land near and adjoining to his house, that is to say, one quarter of one acre before his house, four pole wide and eleven pole long, adjoining to his garden, and one quarter of one acre behind his barn, bounded well, and one acre and $\frac{1}{2}$ on the brook that runneth out of Berry Meadow, well bounded and marked, leaving the watering-place on the south of it.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, SEN.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Entered December the 18th, 1701.

December the 6th, 1701. Then laid out, by order of the committee for laying out swamp bottom, four acres of land for Nathaniel Tay, said four acres being bought of William Pierce, and is laid out near the said Tay's house upon Berry Meadow Brook, adjoining to John Walker's land, bounded well and marked.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.,
Committee men.

April the 14th, 1702. The committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom met, and laid out for Sam'l Snow, five acres of land, bounded south by Benjamin Wyman's woodland, west also by said Benjamin Wyman's woodland, and by said Snow's woodland east, and north by the woodland of Sam'l Baker and Henry Baldwin, and is in the 5th division of woodland in Woburn; and upon the 16th day of the said April, the said committee laid out to the said Sam'l Snow, two acres and 3 quarters of an acre, and ten poles of swamp bottom, bounded westerly by the highway leading to Billerica, south by the land of John Cutler, north by a lot formerly laid out to John Snow, and east by the said Sam'l Snow's own woodland, which is also in the 5th division of woodland.

FRANCIS KENDALL,
C his mark.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Entered the 23rd of April, 1702.

[xlvi*] Upon the 4th day of April, in the year 1702. The committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom met, and laid out for John Cutler six acres; four acres at a place called Learned's Fall, in the fourth division of woodland, bounded north and east and south upon his own woodland, west upon Aaron Cleveland's woodland; also two acres, wanting 20 poles, in the said division, bounded by Sam'l Snow south, west upon the country highway, north by a lot that was formerly George Polly's, Sen., and upon his own woodland east.

FRANCIS KENDALL,
C his mark.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Entered June the 3rd, 1702.

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1695. Laid out to Lt. Joseph Pierce, four acres of swamp bottom, by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, at Trap Swamp, upon the account of the town grant, for two shillings an acre.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Entered June the 19th, 1702.

October, 1702. Then laid out by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, to Samuel Richardson, Sen., and Stephen Richardson, Sen., to each of them, seven acres apiece, on the common, eastward of their houses, near Charlestown line, it being their own right, according to town grant.

Attest: WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Rec'd and entered April the 23rd, 1703.

In the year 1701. The committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom met, and then laid out to Joseph Hartwell, six acres of swamp bottom, near to Ephraim Buck's, and Joseph Winn his meadow, and adjoining to Reading line, and all upon the right of Thomas Pierce derived from his father.

Attest: WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Entered May the 20th, 1703.

1695. Laid out to Jonathan and James Thompson, by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, six acres, adjoining to their land, at a place called Berry Meadow, and laid out in two parcels.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

This was entered at the request of the said Jonathan Thompson, March the 27th, 1706, per JAMES FOWLE, town clerk.

[xlx*] June the 10th, 1702. Then laid out by order of the committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, five acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of land, in lieu of swamp bottom, to Nathaniel Tay, near his house, and on the east-northeast thereof, bounded on the northwest by the highway, which highway is six pole at the brook and four pole at the other highway, and part of it between his land, taken up, 3 acres of Jonathan Wyman's, and two of Francis Wyman's right.

FRANCIS KENDALL,
C his mark.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.

Rec'd and entered Feb. the 14th, 1703-4.
Woburn, Feb. the 25th, 1702.

This may certify whom it may concern, that we, whose names are underwritten, have met and laid out to Nathaniel Tay, one acre and one half acre of land, where he said the top was his said Tay's own, and we have laid out the land thirty poles long, from the highway downward, towards Spring Meadow, and from said Tay's house 8 poles wide, upon the front, from his house, and is bounded at the northeast corner by a small white-oak, by the country road west, north and east by said Tay's own top.

EDWARD JOHNSON.
JOHN TIDD.
Selectmen of Woburn.

November the 6th, 1699, the proprietors of the second eighth met, and agreed for to lay out a piece of land, given them by the town, lying at Forest Field Hill, between the country road and Shawshin Path, and began at the south end and laid the first lot to Elijah

Tottingham, the second to Robert Eames, the 3rd to Pearson Richardson, adjoining to Benjamin Johnson; the 4th to Edward Johnson, adjoining to Pearson Richardson, Robert Eames, and the country road; the fifth lot to Joseph Richardson, at the north corner of said land, abutting upon the country road.

WILLIAM BRUCE,
for PEARSON RICHARDSON.
EDWARD JOHNSON.
JOSEPH RICHARDSON.

The mark of JOANNA DALE.

[*]. We, whose names are underwritten, being interested in a piece of woodland, situate in the township of Woburn, at a place called Forest Field Hill, formerly granted to the fourth division of woodland, in said town, as an addition thereto, as appears of record in Woburn townbook, and having lost our particular bounds and lines of dividing, we do jointly agree, that our several lots in said piece of woodland, shall lie as followeth: that is, to say, Jacob Wyman's lot, that was formerly Michael Lepingwell's lot, to lie next Billerica Road, which is the westerly bounds of the whole tract of woodland, above mentioned.

Next to said lot of Jacob Wyman's is Aaron Cleveland's lot, and next Aaron Cleveland's is Ebenezer Flagg's six lots, which formerly belonged to Henry Summers, Joseph Carter, Matthew Smith, Edward Irons, and John Russell, Sen., and John Russell, Jr., both deceased, which six lots are to lie together, in general. Next to these lots of Ebenezer Flagg's is the lot that formerly belonged to Allen Converse, next to that is Edward Winn's lot. The next lot which is the last lot next Wood Hill, is Jacob Wyman's which was formerly Sergt. Thomas Pierce's, deceased, his lot.

In witness to this our agreement, and for the full confirmation thereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this twenty-second day of April, 1703. and in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, queen.

JACOB WYMAN, [seal].
EBENEZER FLAGG, [seal].
EDWARD WINN, [seal].
AARON CLEVELAND, [seal].
SARAH CONVERSE,
her X mark and [seal].

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in presence of us:

We, William Johnson, Sen., and Joseph Wright, Sen., say that we witness to the signing and sealing of Jacob Wyman, Ebenezer Flagg, and Edward Winn, they signed and sealed this instrument.

Further witness:

Dorcas Cleveland, her X mark.

Sam'l Converse, Jr., his X mark.

A true copy of the original agreement, entered in the townbook, by order of the subscribers. Attest, JAMES FOWLE, town clerk.

LI
[li*]. Feb. the 13th, 1704-5. Then laid out to Timothy Walker, eleven acres of land upon account of swamp bottom, near Rock Meadow, it being the right of swamp bottom belonging to Deacon Sam'l Walker, deceased, and is bounded northerly by the homestead of Jacob Kendall, south by the woodland of Josiah Wood, east by the woodland of the said Timothy Walker, and west by Rock Meadow, upon the former grant of 3½ lots.

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EDWARD JOHNSON,
WILLIAM LOCKE, JR.,
JAMES FOWLE,
Selectmen of Woburn.

Feb. the 13th, 1704-5. Then laid out to Thos. Kendall, Sen., six acres of land, upon account of swamp bottom, on the former grant of three half lots, it being the land on which Joseph Whittemore's house stands on, and the field adjoining thereunto, and is bounded east and west by the woodland of the said Thomas Kendall, south by Deacon Locke's woodland, north by the highway to William Locke, Jr's, house; also at the same time, laid out to the said Thos. Kendall, eight acres of swamp bottom more, near the said Joseph Whittemore's field, upon account of the former grants of swamp bottom, above mentioned, which is bounded north and south by the woodland of Deacon William Locke, east and west by the woodland of the said Thos. Kendall; the first six acres, above said, laid out to Thos. Kendall, was said to be laid out by the former committee appointed to lay out swamp bottom, but it not being to be found upon record, the said Thos. Kendall desired us, the subscribers, to lay it out again, that so it might be recorded, and that the other piece was accordingly laid out, on the day abovesaid by us.

EDWARD JOHNSON,
WILLIAM LOCKE, JR.,
JAMES FOWLE,
Selectmen of Woburn.

Feb. the 13th, 1704-5. Then laid out to Ensign Samuel Blogget, upon the account of a former grant of swamp bottom, to him, the sum of four acres of swamp bottom, bounded south and west by the woodland of him, the said Sam'l Blogget, north by woodland of John Reed, east by the woodland of Timothy Walker, per us,

EDWARD JOHNSON,
WILLIAM LOCKE, JR.,
JAMES FOWLE,
Selectmen of Woburn.

Feb. the 13th, 1704-5. Then laid out to Joseph Whittemore, two acres of swamp bottom, formerly granted to him for five shillings, as appears of record, which two acres of swamp bottom is bounded east and west by the woodland of Thos. Kendall, Sen., south by the woodland of Deacon William Locke, and north by the woodland of Sam'l Blogget, Sen.

Bounded by the brook upon the southwest corner, and from thence runneth northward upon a straight line to Sam'l Blogget's woodland, before mentioned, laid out per us,

EDWARD JOHNSON,
WILLIAM LOCKE, JR.,
JAMES FOWLE,
Selectmen of Woburn.

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LI
[lii*] Feb. the 13th, 1704-5. Then laid out to Capt. Edward Johnson five acres of swamp bottom, upon account of a former grant of the town of so much swamp bottom to him, which swamp bottom is laid down upon a woodlot, formerly belonging to Richard Post, and is bounded east by the highway, and otherwise bounded by the land of the said Capt. Edward Johnson.

EDWARD JOHNSON,
WILLIAM LOCKE, JR.,
JAMES FOWLE,
Selectmen of Woburn.

March the 28th, 1705. We, whose names are under written, being called to lay out a highway through some part of the town's herbage, in the seventh division of wood and timber in Woburn, by several persons in the west end of this town, belonging to said division, accordingly, on the day abovesaid, we went to the place in said division wanting a highway, and laid out a highway from Concord Road near Jacob Kendall's, through John Reed's woodland, next to George Reed's land, and from thence cross the woodland of John Cragin and the woodland of Josiah Wood, and also through the woodland of James Simonds into the highway that leads to Hog's Hole.

The above said highway is laid two poles and half wide through each lot above mentioned.

Attest: JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.
EDWARD JOHNSON.
AARON CLEVELAND.
TIMOTHY WALKER.
JOHN TIDD.

Of the committee for highways, etc.

March the 28th, 1705. We, whose names are under written, being a committee chosen by the town of Woburn for laying out of highways in the town's herbage, and being called thereto by John Knight and Jacob Kendall, we began at a way that comes by John Knight's door, and lyeth between John Knight's fence and George Reed's fence, and so through Josiah Wood's woodlot, next John Knight's meadow, and then turns upon Jacob Kendall's woodland, by the side of Josiah Woods his woodlot, until it comes to John Cragin's woodland, and then to run between Jacob Kendall's woodland and John Cragin's. It lying alike in part of each lot until it comes to a path, which leadeth to John Knight's woodland, and this to be the way from Hodge's Hole path, and to lie two pole and half wide, until it comes to Josiah Woods his woodland, next John Knight's meadow, and there to be four pole wide through said Josiah Wood's land, where the way is not feasible.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.
EDWARD JOHNSON.
JOHN TIDD, SEN.
AARON CLEVELAND.
TIMOTHY WALKER.

Of the committee for highways, etc.
Memorandum. Jacob Kendall engaged before the said committee to make the abovesaid way feasible from Josiah Woods his woodland, so far as it goeth between his said Jacob Kendall's woodland and the woodland of John Cragin.

Witness: JACOB KENDALL,
his X mark.

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[lii*] March the first, 1706. Then laid out to Edward Winn, swamp bottom upon his father Increase Winn's right, three acres and one quarter, bounded by the land of Henry Walker south, by the meadow land of Aaron Cleveland east, by the land that was formerly Mr. Samuel Carter's north, and by the woodland of John Bruce west.

The same day. More swamp bottom laid out to Edward Winn, in another place, viz:—upon the right of the said Edward Winn's grandfather Edward Winn, seven acres and one quarter, bounded west and south by the land of Henry Walker, by the land of William Bruce north and by the woodland of William Green and Henry Walker east.

SAM'L BLOGGET, JR.
JOHN TIDD.

March the 1st, 1706. Then laid out to Samuel Blogget, Jr., eight acres of swamp bottom taken up upon the right of Sam'l Blogget, Sen., which land lyeth near said Blogget's house, bounded by the land of John Reed east, and by the land of Francis Kendall north, and by the land of the said Sam'l Blogget, Jr., elsewhere.

JOHN TIDD.
SAM'L BLOGGET, JR.
Committee.

March the 19th, 1706. Then laid out to Sergt. John Tidd, 3 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of swamp bottom, upon account of the last grant, by Abraham Jaquith's right, which is bounded west by the woodland of Thomas Lepingwell, north by the woodland of James Fowle, elsewhere by the land of said Tidd.

At the same time laid out to said Tidd, upon said Jaquith's right, 8 acres and $\frac{1}{2}$, by virtue of the said last grant, 4 acres and one half, which is lying and being on the east side of a piece of land, belonging to said Tidd, called Reed's field, and is bounded north by the land or woodland of Daniel Baldwin, west by the said Reed's field, and elsewhere also by the land of the said John Tidd.

SAMUEL BLOGGET.
JOHN TIDD.
Committee.

March the 19th, 1706. Then laid out to Sergt. Daniel Baldwin, ten acres of swamp bottom upon the right of John Seers, on account of the last grant in full, which is near Buck Meadow, and is bounded southwest by the land of John Tidd, northeast by the meadow land of Joshua Sawyer and Elijah Tottingham, and northwest by the meadow land of Samuel Blogget, Sen.

JOHN TIDD.
SAMUEL BLOGGET, SEN.

[liv*] March the 19th, 1706. Then laid out to James Fowle, eight acres of swamp bottom, upon account of the right of his father Fowle, and the right of Isaac Cole, by virtue of the last grant of swamp bottom, which is bounded west by the land of Daniel Baldwin, called his New Field, north by the land of John Wright, and east also by the land of Daniel Baldwin. A drift-way to be allowed into the land of Daniel Baldwin. 8 acres in full.

JOHN TIDD.
SAMUEL BLOGGET, JR.
Committee.

March the 19th, 1706. Then laid out to John Wright, Sen., nine acres of swamp bottom, six acres thereof upon a piece of land, lying on the east-southeast of his dwelling-house, which is bounded south by the land of James Fowle, and east by the land of Gershom Flagg, west by the land of Daniel Baldwin, elsewhere by the land of the said John Wright, the other three acres was laid upon a piece of top belonging to Josiah Wright on the west side of his dwelling house, and is bounded by the land of Gershom Flagg south, and by two town highways east and west, and by his own land elsewhere.

More laid out at the same time for said John Wright, one acre and one half of swamp bottom, near Step Rock, bounded east by Thomas Carter, west by John Tidd, and elsewhere by said John Wright's own woodland, and all upon account of the last grant of swamp bottom. 10 acres and half in full.

SAM'L BLOGGET, JR.,
JOHN TIDD,

Committee.

March the 26th, 1706. Then laid out to Aaron Cleveland, eight acres and one half of swamp bottom, at a place called Learned's Fall, and is bounded west by the land of Sam'l Wilson, north by Wood Hill Brook, and east by the woodland of Thomas Lepingwell, and south by the woodland of the said Aaron Cleveland, which is taken up on the right of Moses Cleveland, upon account of the last grant of swamp bottom. 8 acres and half in full.

JOHN TIDD,
SAMUEL BLOGGET, JR.,
Committee.

March the 26th, 1706. Then laid out to Jonathan Thompson, three acres and half of swamp bottom, the which was taken up upon the right of his grandfather James Thompson, deceased, which bottom was laid out near Cold Spring Brook, joining to Wood Hill, and is bounded south by the land of Thomas Carter, east by the woodland of Daniel Baldwin and the said Jonathan Thompson, and north by the woodland of Daniel Baldwin and Joshua Sawyer, and west by the land of James Thompson.

JOHN TIDD,
SAMUEL BLOGGET,
Committee.

[lv*]. Feb. the 22nd, 1705. Then the selectmen of Woburn went and laid out to Lieut. Josiah Converse, three acres and one half acre of land, upon account of swamp bottom, upon the old grant, adjoining to his own land on the west and northeast, and upon the Converse's woodland elsewhere.

Laid out per

JAMES CONVERSE, JR.,
JOHN PIERCE.

March the 19th, 1706. Then laid out to Thomas Carter, four acres and half of

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swamp bottom, by the right of the Reverend Mr. Thomas Carter, upon the account of the last grant of swamp bottom, near Willow Meadow, bounded west by the land of Josiah Wright, and elsewhere by the woodland of the said Thomas Carter and Timothy Carter.

SAMUEL BLOGGET, JR.,
JOHN TIDD,
Committee.

March the 26th, 1706. Then laid out to Thomas Carter, three acres of swamp bottom, upon the right of his father, the Reverend Mr. Thomas Carter, deceased, and is bounded south by the woodland of Timothy Carter, west by the highway that leadeth to a place called Beach Island in Wood Hill, and north by the land of James Thompson, and east by said Carter's own land in Wood Hill.

SAMUEL BLOGGET,
JOHN TIDD,

Committee.

March the 9th, 1704-5. Laid out to Timothy Walker, of swamp bottom in Rock Meadow Plain, one tract, consisting of seven acres and five score poles, bounded by the land of Jacob Kendall north, by the land of James Simonds east, by the land of Josiah Wood south, and by the land of said Timothy Walker and Jacob Kendall west.

More laid out to Timothy Walker, thirteen acres and five score poles, bounded north and south by the woodland of said Timothy Walker, and also by his own land east, and by Rock Meadow west. By us,

JOSEPH WRIGHT,
SAMUEL BLOGGET,
JOHN TIDD,

Committee.

March the 9th, 1704-5. Laid out to Josiah Wood, of swamp bottom, one piece consisting of four acres and one quarter, lying near John Knight's house, bounded south George Reed's land, and elsewhere by his own woodland.

More laid out for Josiah Wood, twelve acres bounded by the land of Timothy Walker north, south, east and west. By us,

JOHN TIDD,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
SAMUEL BLOGGET,

Committee.

March the 26th, 1706. Laid out to James Thompson, four acres and three quarters of swamp bottom, near to Cold Spring in Wood Hill, upon his father's right, and is bounded south by Thomas Carter's land, west by a path leading to Beach Island, north by Joshua Sawyer's woodland, east by Jonathan Thompson's woodland.

SAM'L BLOGGET,
JOHN TIDD,

Committee.

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[lvi*] Woburn, October the 31st, 1706. Then laid out to Thomas Clarke, of swamp bottom, twelve acres, bounded by the land of Thomas Kendall east, and south by the woodland that was formerly Major Johnson's, and elsewhere by the woodland of said Thomas Clarke, which swamp bottom was taken up upon the right of Sam'l Walker, Sen., of Woburn, deceased, and out of the last grant, there being allowance made for a highway to pass through said land.

per JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.,
SAMUEL BLOGGET, JR.,
Committee.

Woburn, October the 21st, 1706. Then laid out to Stephen Richardson, Jr., of swamp bottom eight acres and one quarter, in full of the last grant, which was upon the right of his father, namely, Joseph Richardson, Sen., out of the last grant, said land is bounded by the land of Pearson Richardson north, and by the woodland of Elijah Tottingham west and south, and by the highway that leadeth from Pearson Richardson's east.

JOHN TIDD,
SAMUEL BLOGGET,

Committee.

January the 8th, 1710-11. We, the subscribers, being chosen by the proprietors of Woburn, for the laying out of highways for the several eighths, or divisions of land, in the town aforesaid, being desired by John Bruce to lay out a highway in the sixth eighth, have laid out a highway, beginning at the highway on the southeast side of the Copper Hill, so-called, which runneth to the west side of said hill, in the said sixth eighth, or division, and is laid one pole and half wide, and is laid through John Bruce's woodland, and so through the woodland of John Walker, deceased, and also through the woodland of Lieut. Benjamin Simonds, and also through the woodland which formerly belonged to Deacon Joseph Wright, until said way comes to John Bruce's pasture, which way is laid out where the way hath been formerly improved, and is marked out by several marked trees standing on each side said way.

per JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
EDWARD JOHNSON,
HENRY BALDWIN,
AARON CLEVELAND,
JOHN TIDD,

Committee for highways in the several eighths.
Rec'd and entered January the 11th, 1710.

[lvii*] January the 31st, 1710-11. Then Ensign Israel Walker and Henry Walker and Ralph Reed, Jr., of Woburn, met and settled the bounds between the lands of the said Israel Walker and Henry Walker, which border upon the lands of the said Ralph Reed, the which he purchased of Nathaniel Walker, and the dividing line between the said Israel Walker and Henry, and the said Ralph Reed, are as followeth, viz:—

Beginning at a large rock upon a hill, at the northwest corner of the land of the said Ralph Reed, and from said rock the dividing line runneth southerly to a marked white oak-tree, and from thence to a marked red oak-tree standing in a valley in a small run of water, and from thence as the fence now standeth to the southerly line of said Walkers' lands.

In witness to this, their mutual agreement, with reference to the dividing line abovesaid, they have hereunto set their hands, this second day of February, 1710-11.

HENRY WALKER,
The X mark of
RALPH REED.

The abovewritten was entered in the town book in this place, at the request of the parties above expressed, on the 2nd of February, 1710 11, per JAMES FOWLE, Town clerk.

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March the 12th, 1707. The proprietors of the seventh division met and divided a piece of woodland, given to the seventh division by the town of Woburn, lying between Rock Pond Meadow and the country road and the plough lots, as followeth, viz: To Thomas Kendall one lot at the north end unto said meadow; the second lot to Josiah Woods, adjoining to said Kendall; the third to John Kendall, adjoining to Woods and Cherry Meadow; and the fourth lot to Thomas Skelton, adjoining to John Kendall and Cherry Meadow Brook; the fifth lot to Edward Johnson, adjoining to said Skelton and the country road, and the west end to James Simonds, John Reed, and Thomas Reed, bounded by Edward Johnson and the plough lots of the second and third range.

LVI
The mark C of
JOHN KENDALL,
The mark O of
THOMAS KENDALL,
JAMES SIMONDS,
THOMAS SKELTON,
JOSIAH WOOD,
THOMAS REED,
EDWARD JOHNSON.

Received and entered by JAMES FOWLE, town clerk for Woburn.

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[lviii*] [Agreement about Frog Hole Meadow.] Know all men by these presents, that whereas John Brooks and Joseph Richardson, Jr., of Woburn, have each of them meadow in Frog Hole Meadow, that was formerly belonging to Sam'l Blogget, Sen., which meadow is surrounded with the woodland of Gershom Flagg and Ebenezer Flagg, therefore, the said Gershom Flagg and Ebenezer Flagg do by these presents agree with the said John Brooks and Joseph Richardson, that the line, the dividing line between the said meadow and the woodland of the said Flaggs, shall be forever hereafter where the fence now standeth; and is in all places, excepting at northwest corner, and there it is to be removed outward from the meadow to a white oak-tree, and from thence to a stake that stands in the gutter, and thence to a red oak-tree near the drawbars. In witness whereof, the parties abovenamed have hereunto set their hands and seals, this twenty-third day of January, seventeen hundred and six-seven.

GERSHOM FLAGG, [seal.]

EBENEZER FLAGG, [seal.]

JOHN BROOKS, [seal.]

JOSEPH RICHARDSON, JR. [seal.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us, James Fowle, David Roberts, Jr. This entered in the town book at the request and appointment of the parties abovenamed to this agreement, for perpetual remembrance, per JAMES FOWLE, Town clerk for Woburn.

Entered January the 31st, 1706-7.

December the 4th, 1707. Then laid out to Capt. Edward and Ebenezer Johnson, 4 acres of swamp bottom, on the old grant, at Forest Field Hill, bounded on the east by the country road and Deacon Wright's land, south and west by their own land, and Joseph Wright's, Jr., his land, north.

EDWARD JOHNSON,
BENJAMIN SIMONDS,
SETH WYMAN,

Selectmen of Woburn.

December the 4th, 1707. Then laid out to Capt. Edward and Ebenezer Johnson, two acres of swamp bottom, on the old grant, at the foot of Forest Field Hill, bounded on the east by the land of Jacob Wyman, and on the north by the land of Sam'l Snow, on the south by the land of Sam'l Wilson, on the east by their own top,

EDWARD JOHNSON,
BENJAMIN SIMONDS,
SETH WYMAN,
Selectmen of Woburn.

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[lix*]. December the 4th, 1707. Then laid out to Capt. Edward Johnson, five acres of swamp bottom, on the account of the old grant, where he said the top was his own, at Long Meadow, bounded on the east and south by the said Johnson's own meadow, and north by the woodland of Francis Kendall, west by the town highway leading to Shawshin.

BENJAMIN SIMONDS,

SETH WYMAN,

EDWARD JOHNSON,

Selectmen of Woburn.

Woburn, April the 11th, 1707. Then laid out to Sam'l Converse, Sen., five acres of swamp bottom upon his own right, of the last grant of swamp bottom, and is bounded northeast by said Converse his land, and southwest by said Converse's own land, and southeast Lieut. Converse his land, and by the Converses' woodland elsewhere.

JOSEPH WRIGHT,

JOHN TIDD,

COMMITTEE.

Rec'd and entered March the 23rd, 1707-8.

We, the proprietors and owners of that tract of land given to the seventh eighth beyond the Great Meadow Bridge, met some time in November, 1708, and then renewed our lines, as was formerly divided, namely, to Caleb Simonds in the right of Michael Bacon, Sen., his full proportion; to Francis Kendall his full proportion; to John Cragin his full proportion; to Michael Knight his full proportion.

To Samuel Walker and to James Simonds, in the right of Michael Bacon, Jr., and to George Reed in part, and to make up their proportions equal with the rest the proprietors of said eighth,

gave to these three men a certain tract of land, bounded from the rest of the land by the line of John Cragin's lot, beginning at the upper corner of the meadow of James Simonds aforesaid, to a marked tree standing by the highway leading to George Grimes, the said highway to be the south bounds, until it cometh to Caleb Simonds his land, and then is bounded by Caleb Simonds his land northwest, till it cometh to a brook, which is the north bounds, until it cometh into the meadow, which was formerly Mr. Sam'l Carter's, and east by the Great Meadow.

CALEB SIMONDS, [seal.]

JACOB KENDALL's mark X, [seal.]

THOMAS SKELTON, [seal.]

JAMES SIMONDS, [seal.]

SAM'L WALKER, [seal.]

EDWARD JOHNSON, [seal.]

This entry made at the desire of the proprietors above said, December the 7th, 1708, per JAMES FOWLE, town clerk for Woburn, it being a true copy of the original agreement as it stands entered.

[ix*]. A division of a woodlot, lying on the north end of Forest Field Hill, in the bounds of the town of Woburn, between Samuel Richardson on the one part, and Nathaniel Wyman on the other part, on the 10th day of April, 1707, as followeth, viz: By a line from a marked black oak on the south side of said lot straight cross the said lot to a maple tree on the north side thereof, the said Samuel Richardson to enjoy the east part of said lot, and the said Nathaniel Wyman to enjoy the west part thereof; in witness to this our agreement of division, we have here unto set our hands.

SAMUEL RICHARDSON,

NATHANIEL WYMAN.

clerk, on the 16th day of May, 1709. In presence of James Fowle, Ebenezer Johnson, Edward Johnson.

The above mentioned Sam'l Richardson and Nathaniel Wyman brought their agreement of division above written, and ordered the same to be entered in the town book, per JAMES FOWLE,

June 27th, 1709. Then laid out one acre and quarter and twenty-five pole, of swamp bottom, to John Kendall and Samuel Kendall, which is upon the right of their father Francis Kendall, of his last grant of swamp bottom, and is laid upon a part of Rag Rock Common, near Israel Reed's, and is bounded easterly by the woodland of the said Israel Reed, and south by said Israel Reed's little pasture and a highway leading to Israel Walker's, and is otherwise bounded by the woodland of the said John and Samuel Kendall. Laid out per.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.,
SAMUEL BLOGGET, JR.,
JOHN TIDD,

Committee for laying out swamp bottom.

October the 27th, 1709. Then laid out to Thomas Carter, Sen., by the selectmen of Woburn, three acres of swamp bottom, at a place called Rag Rock, which bottom, was granted to the said Carter by the proprietors of the land of the town, aforesaid, and is bounded as followeth, viz: by the land of John Russell north easterly, and by the land of John Reed northwesterly, and by the country road from Concord southerly.

EBENEZER JOHNSON,
BENJAMIN SIMONDS,
JOHN TIDD,

Selectmen of Woburn.

[lxi*]. May the 17th, 1710. Then laid out to Joseph Whittemore, 2 acres and half and sixteen pole of swamp bottom, beginning at the causeway at Maple Meadow Bridge, at the northwest end of said causeway, and is bounded north or northeast by the highway formerly laid out by selectmen of Woburn from Maple Meadow Bridge to Canoe Swamp, March the 20th, 1698-9, as appears of record, and is bounded next the said causeway on the south side by the meadow land of Joseph Pierce part of the way, and elsewhere by the land and timberland of the said Joseph Whittemore; two acres and one quarter and some odd poles upon his own right, by his father Thomas Whittemore, and one quarter of an acre upon the right of Francis Kendall, purchased of Thomas Kendall, Sen., upon account of the last grant of swamp bottom in Woburn.

Also the same day, viz: May the 17th, 1710, laid out to the said Joseph Whittemore, one acre and three quarters of swamp bottom, beginning at the west end of the fore mentioned piece of swamp bottom, laid out to him, and so runneth westward by Canoe Swamp to the dividing line between the land of the said Joseph Whittemore and the land of Thomas Kendall, Sen., and elsewhere by the said Joseph Whittemore's own land, which acre and three quarters is upon the right of Francis Kendall, and purchased of Thomas Kendall, Sen., and is of the last grant of swamp bottom in Woburn. Laid out per us.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.
SAMUEL BLOGGET, JUN.,
Committee.

Entered May the 17th, 1710.

October the 16th, 1710. Then laid out to Thomas Reed, of swamp bottom, four acres and thirty poles, which was upon his father George Reed, Sen., his right, and out of the last grant of said swamp bottom, and is bounded by the woodland of John Kendall and Samuel Kendall northwest, and by the woodland of Widow Elizabeth Walker northeast, and by the said Thos. Reed's woodland elsewhere, and is upon Rag Rock Common.

JOSEPH WRIGHT,
SAM'L BLOGGET,

Committee.

Rec'd and entered October the 16th, 1710.

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[lxii*] May the 22nd, 1710, we subscribed, being appointed a committee for laying out highways in the several eighths within the township of Woburn, for the proprietors and inhabitants thereunto belonging, did at the request and desire of sundry persons interested in the eighth eighth, on the above said day, laid out as we judged needful several ways in the town herbage, not intruding into any man's propriety.

We began at a lot called Kettell's Lot, near the old Saw mill at Turkey Hill, and laid a way from thence close under Apple Tree Hill, till we came to a certain white ash-tree, which we fairly marked; then turning off we laid said way down to the corner of Josiah Johnson's land, called Pratt's Lot, and all along, on the west side of said lot, we continued said way over a hill, called Burnt Hill, to a certain place, where the aforesaid Josiah Johnson hath made a dam, he allowing the said way to be laid over the dam, and through part of his propriety, only reserving to himself liberty to flow his land above the way, with the use of the dam, or to drain the same, as he needeth, on condition that the town shall grant to him two acres of swamp bottom. Then we carried the said high way through the woodland of Robert Converse and James Wright, on the east side the said Wright's field, and pasture, till we came to the woodland of Lieut. John Carter and Henry Johnson; and on either side the dividing line between the lots, we laid the way, a pole in width, down to the meadow land of Josiah Johnson; then we began at Cambridge line, and laid a way through the south end of Josiah Johnson's woodland, to Henry Gardner's, and through his woodlot, at the south end thereof, the line divides between him and the woodland that was Lieut. Matthew Johnson's; and so on either side the line to the woodland of James Wright, to his fence before his house; then from the corner of James Locke's pasture, through the woodland of Josiah and Henry Johnson, James Wright and Lieut. John Carter, till we came to the southeast corner of Powell's lot; then we laid a driftway through the woodland given to John Connett by his grandfather Gardner, a feasible cartway to the land of Josiah Johnson, which begins at the south corner of said Connett's lot, and so runs about forty poles in length, partly crossing the same to Josiah Johnson's pasture bars; then also we extended the said way from the fore-mentioned corner of Powell's lot, through Lieut. John Carter's woodland, and through the woodland of Capt. Edward Johnson, Ebenezer and Benjamin Johnson, which way is made known by several marked trees, on the north side the old path leading to Lieut. Carter's pasture; allowing all the abovesaid highway or ways to be two poles in breadth.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.
JOSIAH CONVERSE.
JOHN TIDD.
AARON CLEVELAND.

[lxiii*] March the 22nd, 1710. Then laid out to Josiah Johnson, of swamp bottom, fourteen acres, six acres and one quarter of which was upon the right of Capt. Edward Johnson, deceased, and seven acres and three quarters upon the right of Lieut. Matthew Johnson, deceased, and is bounded northwardly by the land of William Johnson and Josiah Johnson, westwardly by a woodlot, formerly laid out to Richard Gardner, south and east by the land of the said Josiah Johnson.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.,
SAM'L BLOGGET, JR.,
Committee.

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March the 14th, 1712. The committee for highways in the several eighths in Woburn, met and laid out a highway for the town's use, beginning at Concord Road, near Vine Brook, and it is to lie two rods wide, where the old way lyeth, on the east side of Brook Meadow, upon the town Common, until it comes to the brook that cometh out of Spring Meadow and runneth into Brook Meadow, and from thence (Jacob Kendall being present) alloweth said highway to lie two rods wide in his land, on the west side of George Reed's fence, to a white oak-tree at the Great Meadow Path, on the west side of said tree, and from thence two rods wide, upon John Knight's land, until it cometh to the highway between Josiah Wood, Jr., his pasture, and John Knight's meadow, as witness our hands.

JOSEPH WRIGHT,
EDWARD JOHNSON,
JOHN TIDD,
AARON CLEVELAND,
HENRY BALDWIN,
Committee.

JACOB KENDALL,
his X mark,
JOHN KNIGHT,

April the 2nd, 1712. Then laid out to Elijah Tottingham, Jr., of swamp bottom, twelve acres, which was upon the right of Henry Tottingham, late of Woburn, deceased, and of the last grant of swamp bottom, and is bounded on the south east side, partly by the highway before said Tottingham's house, and partly by the land of Nehemiah Tottingham, and northeast by the land of Stephen Richardson, north by the land of Pierson Richardson, elsewhere by the land of the said Elijah Tottingham: this was done where, said Tottingham told us that the top was his own.

JOHN TIDD,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
SAM'L BLOGGET,
Committee.

Received and entered, April the 2nd, 1712, per JAMES FOWLE, town clerk.

December the 29th, 1712. Then laid out to Capt. Edward Johnson, six acres of swamp bottom, on the old grants of swamp bottom, at a place near to the house of Edward Johnson, Jr., on the west side of the highway leading to Sandy Bridge, and is bounded on the east by said highway, south by the land of John Knight, Jr., north and west by the land of the said Capt. Edward Johnson; four acres on the right of John Farrar, and two acres on the right of Maj. William Johnson.

per us, JAMES FOWLE,
JOSHUA SAWYER,
EDWARD JOHNSON,
Selectmen of Woburn.

[lxiv*] December the 29th, 1712. Then laid out to Thomas Kendall, four acres of swamp bottom, at a place near Holden's swamp, in Woburn, bounded north by said swamp and the woodland of Timothy Walker, and is bounded on the east with the land of Thomas Reed, and on the south by the land of Samuel Blogget, Jr., and west by the land of him, the said Thomas Kendall, adjoining to the ledge of rocks, which was laid out on the account of the old grant of swamp bottom per—

JOSHUA SAWYER,
EDWARD JOHNSON,
JAMES FOWLE,
Selectmen of Woburn.

Articles of agreement made and consented unto the 30th day of October, 1713, between George Reed, of Woburn, in the county of Middlesex, within Her Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, of the one party, and James Fowle, of the town and county, aforesaid, in behalf of Elizabeth Walker, the relict widow of Timothy Walker, late of said Woburn, deceased, and in behalf of the heirs of said Timothy Walker, deceased, of the other part, with reference to the dividing line between their lands, meadow-lands, and swamps at Rock Meadow Swamp. First the parties have stated a dividing line between them, as followeth, viz:—Beginning at stake in the ditch against John Reed's meadow, and from said stake the dividing line extends northward to a pretty large crutched white-oak marked, and from thence to a small maple tree marked, and from thence to a white-pine marked, and lettered, and from thence to a small marked maple, standing by the old ditch bank, and from thence the old ditch is the dividing line, while it comes to a stake and heap of stones, upon the bank of the ditch, near the lower end of the ditch, and from thence, viz:—from said stake the dividing line runneth northeasterly to a large white-oak stump, and from thence to the corner of said George Reed's fence in the brook; and further the said George Reed doth by these presents, covenant and grant for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, and all others, by, from and under him, that neither he, nor they, shall at any time forever hereafter, obstruct or by any way or means, whatsoever, hinder the said [lxv*] Elizabeth Walker, nor any of the heirs of the said Timothy Walker, or any of their assigns, from flowing, damming and laying under water the grounds, meadows and swamps, now belonging to the heirs of the said Timothy Walker, or Elizabeth Walker.

In witness whereof, the parties above mentioned have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year aforesaid.

GEORGE REED, [seal]

JAMES FOWLE, [seal]

In presence of us; Ebenezer Johnson, William Hamlet, Ebenezer Reed.

The above written contains a true copy of the original articles of agreement, made between said parties, and by their mutual agreement entered in this townbook, and the original agreement deposited in the hands of Sergt. Ebenezer Johnson to keep for them.

Attest JAMES FOWLE, town clerk.
October the 30th, 1713, entered.

The proprietors of the seventh division have met, the 17th of December, 1677, and have laid out lots, as followeth:

The first lot begins at the head line butting against John Cragin's home lot, and that is Michael Bacon's, Sen., and that is forty-five poles wide.

The next is John Cragin's lot, and that is twenty-nine poles wide.

The third lot is George Reed's, that is thirty-three poles and a half wide.

The fourth lot is Daniel Bacon's, that is twenty-five poles and a half wide.

The fifth lot is Joseph Simonds, his lot, that is thirty-one poles wide.

The sixth lot is Francis Kendall's, that is thirty-six poles wide and a half.

The seventh lot is Samuel Walker's, that is twenty-nine poles wide.

Michael Bacon, Sen., hath accepted a parcel of wood and timber standing between Daniel Bacon's lot and Samuel Walker's lot, for his proportion [lxvi*] of wood and timber at Rag Rock, and the remainder, that is to divide of our home division, to Long Meadow.

The proprietors of the seventh division met, and have laid out to every man one lot in the first division on Rock Meadow Plain.

The first lot is Michael Bacon's, Sen., that lyeth next Charlestown lots, that is twenty-two poles wide and a half.

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The second lot is George Reed's, and that is seventeen poles wide and a half.

The third lot is Francis Kendall's and that is thirty-four poles wide.

The fourth lot is Samuel Walker's and that is seventeen poles wide.

The next lot is Michael Bacon, Jr.'s, that is all that is between Samuel Walker's lot and his own land, and the swamp at the east corner of William Clarke's Rock Meadow, as it is marked out.

The next lot is Michael Knight's, and that is twenty poles wide.

The next lot is Daniel Bacon's, that is joining to Goodman Locke's and Goodman Blogget's land, as it is bounded.

The next lot is Samuel Walker's, that is butting between Daniel Bacon's timber there and the head of the first lot that we laid out.

Further we have laid out Rag Rock.

The first lot is Francis Kendall's, that lies along the brook that comes by George Bruce's to John Russell's path.

The next lot is Israel Walker's, that lies up along the same brook to John Wyman's meadow, as it is bounded.

The next lot is George Reed's, but that lies on the north side of the highway, as it is bounded.

The next lot is Samuel Walker's, that is in the swamp, on the west side of the highway, as it is bounded.

The next lot is Daniel Bacon's, that lies by the highway on the south side of it, as it is bounded.

One part of Francis Kendall's lot lies joining to John Russell's swamp, as it is bounded.

The next lot is Israel Reed's lot, that is joining to his own land, as it is bounded.

[lxvii*]. They have further divided the remainder of Rock Meadow Plain, as followeth:

George Reed hath all the swamp adjoining to his own meadow, and so to Long Meadow Brook.

The next is Daniel Bacon's lot, of the first division and is all that is between Michael Bacon, Sen's, last lot, and Michael Knights first lot, and the other part of it adjoining to the first lot of the second division, and so along by George Reed's meadow, and so along the swamp, forty-six poles, as it is now bounded; his next division at the head of this lot, and so along Meadow Brook, as it is bounded.

The next lot is John Cragin's lot, that is as it is bounded.

The next lot is Joseph Simond's, that is, as it is bounded.

The next lot is Samuel Walkers, that is all between the two paths that go towards Long Meadow.

The next is Francis Kendall's, according as it is bounded.

And further we have divided that piece that lies joining to George Reed's land above the hill:

Francis Kendall hath his lot joining to Daniel Bacon's land.

George Reed hath his joining to his own land, as it is bounded.

We, the subscribers, the heirs and successors of the first proprietors of the seventh division of wood and timber in Woburn, and now the present proprietors thereof, finding by the above written and something of our own knowledge of the improvement and possession of our predecessors of that tract of land, formerly granted to the said proprietors of the seventh division, do therefore acquiesce in the former division of said tracts of land made by the first proprietors, our predecessors, aforesaid, and according as we do now possess and enjoy the same, holding for good and valid all and whatsoever our predecessors aforesaid transacted, in the division of all those ranges of lots, expressed in the above written division, the which we own to be transacted by them, altho' it be not expressed in so formal a way and manner as could be desired, and do also by these presents acknowledge all other divisions of wood and timber, pertaining unto the said seventh division, according to Woburn records, to be divided amongst the proprietors thereof, not including a tract of woodland formerly pertaining to the said seventh division, and by them set off to George Reed, Samuel Walker and Daniel Bacon, and yet remaineth to be particularly divided amongst their heirs and successors; and further the present proprietors of the said seventh division do agree that the above written dividings, with those presents, shall be entered in Woburn records of land for perpetual memory.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands this eighteenth day of January, in the twelfth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Anne, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, queen, etc., *annoque domini*, seventeen hundred and thirteen-fourteen.

THOMAS REED,
JOSIAH WOOD, JR.,
THOMAS SKELTON,
SAM'L KENDALL,
EDWARD JOHNSON,
JACOB KENDALL, X mark.
GEORGE REED,
HENRY WALKER,
JOHN KENDALL, his mark C.
JOSIAH WOOD, SEN.,
JAMES SIMONDS,

JAMES FOWLE, in behalf of the heirs of TIMOTHY WALKER.

In presence of John Brooks, Gershom Flagg.

[lxviii*]. Further, January the eighteenth, 1713-14. John Reed, Jr., being present at this meeting of the present proprietors of the seventh division, aforesaid, manifested his dissent from what the said proprietors have transacted, as is before expressed, and desired that the same might be entered the day abovesaid.

The above written contains a true copy of the original paper of division and agreement, presented by the present proprietors of the said seventh division, and is now entered in Woburn records, at the request and per order of the said proprietors, by JAMES FOWLE, town clerk for Woburn.

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[lxix*] June the 17th, 1719, about twelve of the clock in said day. Then laid out to Joshua Sawyer, Jr., and John Fowle, Jr., of Woburn, seven acres and half a quarter of swamp bottom, which is laid out to them upon the right of John Mousall, late of Woburn, deceased, and is bounded on the west by the land that was formerly Lieut. John Richardson's, late of Woburn, deceased, bounded north by the land of John Tidd, Sen., bounded north by the land of said Joshua Sawyer and John Fowle, Jr., bounded south by the land of Capt. John Fowle.

By JOSEPH WRIGHT, SEN.,
SAMUEL BLOGGET, JR.,
Committee.

Upon the complaint of James Wright and James Locke, for want of a highway to the meeting house. December the 5th, 1724. We, the subscribers, being selectmen of Woburn, went and perfected the laying out the highway, that was formerly laid out for James Wright and James Locke, to go to the meeting house, so far as Jabez Kendall's fence, and there left, it being known by the name of Kettell's Lot, in possession of the said Jabez Kendall, of Woburn, now, we, the subscribers, went on the day above mentioned, and laid the way through a corner of said Kendall's pasture, from the aforesaid way down in to the town highway that leadeth from Jabez Kendall's to the meetinghouse, and so in to the country road, to lie one pole and a half wide, and said Kendall to have the liberty to hang a convenient gate across said way for the security of his pasture; the way being laid across said Kendall's land only to accommodate the above said Wright and Locke with a way to the meetinghouse.

EDWARD JOHNSON,
JAMES PIERCE,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Woburn.

January the 28th, 1731-2. Mr. Thomas Reed having made complaint to us, the subscribers, that Jeremiah Center had shut up the way leading from his, the said Thomas Reed's house, to the meeting house, greatly to his disadvantage, whereupon we viewed the way, and searched our records and find said highway to our full satisfaction to be that way in our town book, recorded by the name of Military Lane, the 4th of November, 1644, which leads from our meeting house, through the training field, by the said Jeremiah Center's and Thomas Reed's, into that highway leading to Shawshin, known by the name of Upstreet, and has been mended from time to time by our surveyors, as town's way, and we find it so allowed in the distribution of Mr. Timothy Walker's estate.

GEORGE REED,
SAM'L RICHARDSON,
JOSIAH JOHNSON,
Selectmen of Woburn.

Entered, February the 12th, 1731-2.

[lxx*]. To all people before whom this deed of sale shall come, greeting, know ye, that I, Henry Gardner, of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex, in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, yeoman, for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds, money to me in hand well and truly paid, before the ensembling hereof, by John Fowle, treasurer, for the town of Woburn, the receipt whereof I do acknowledge, and myself there with to be fully satisfied and paid, and of every part and parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit, and discharge the town of Woburn, forever,—have given, granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do fully, freely, clearly, and absolutely, give, grant, bargain, sell, alienate, enfeoff, convey, and confirm, unto the said town of Woburn, a certain slip or parcel of upland, lying and being in Charlestown, in said county, aforesaid, containing nine score and eight pole in length, and half a pole wide, lying on the northerly side of my own land, beginning at the country road leading from Woburn to Cambridge, and runs up the hill, till it comes to the gate above Samuel Carter's house, as the fence formerly stood, and now stands, which land is to accommodate the inhabitants of Woburn, for a highway, forever; to have and to hold the said granted and bargained premises, with all the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging, or in [any] wise appertaining,—shall be and remain unto the aforesaid town of Woburn, and to their use, forever, and I, the said Henry Gardner, do for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant and grant to and with the said town of Woburn, that they may, and shall, from time to time, and at all times, by virtue of these presents, have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy, the said demised premises, peaceably and quietly, forever hereafter, without the lawful suit, let hindrance, molestation, contradiction, eviction, or ejection, from me or any of my heirs, or executors, or administrators, or any other person, whatsoever, by, from or under me, or my procurement, thereby warranting and defending the same from all former, or other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, mortgages, or any other incumbrances, to the said town and to their use, forever; in witness whereof, I, the said Henry Gardner, have hereunto set to my hand and seal, this third day of January, in the fifth year of his Majesty's reign, annoque domini 1731-2.

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of
[Seal.]

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[lxxii*]. Articles of agreement, made and concluded upon, this tenth day of September, in the sixth of his, the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Second, over Great Britain, France, and Ireland, king, etc., seventeen hundred, thirty and two, between Zerubbabel Snow of the town of Woburn, in the county of Middlesex, within his Majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, husbandman, on the one part, and Timothy Snow, of the same town, and county, aforesaid, house-wright, on the other part, with reference to, and for a final settlement of the bounds and division of their lands and meadow, that lay undivided between them, in the bounds of Woburn, aforesaid, which are as followeth, viz:

1. The dividing line of one certain piece or parcel of meadow land, lying and being in a meadow, commonly called, or known, by the name of Millstone Meadow, to begin at a stake and heap of stones, near to, or at the fence on the northwesterly side of said meadow, that parts the Flaggs' land from said meadow, and from said stake and heap of stones the line runneth southeasterly to a stake standing in a queach of poison woodbushes, near the ditch in said meadow, and from said stake standing in said bushes, the line is to run with said ditch, until it comes to meet with a ditch, that is cut out or drawn through said meadow, and then the line is to run from where the said two ditches meet, to a white oak-tree marked, standing on the upland, near to an old fence; the said Zerubbabel Snow, his heirs or assigns, peaceably to possess and enjoy forever that part of the meadow that lyeth on the southerly side of the aforementioned dividing line, for his part and full share in said meadow; and the said Timothy Snow, his heirs and assigns, is peaceably to possess and enjoy forever the other part of said meadow, lying on the northerly side aforementioned dividing line, next to his own meadow, for his part and full share in said meadow.

2ndly. The dividing line of a certain piece or parcel of land of orcharding and pasture land, lying and being near to the dwellinghouse of him, the said Timothy Snow, to begin at the stonewall at the southwest corner of the orchard, that parts said pasture from said orchard, and then it's to run north-east and east with said orchard fence, until it comes to a walnut tree marked, standing in said fence and from said walnut tree the line is to run northerly to a heap of stones, on the southeast side of an old well, and from said heap of stones on side of said well the line is to run easterly to a rock, with a stone upon it, and from said rock and stone the line is to run northerly to an apple-tree marked, and from said apple-tree the line is still to run northerly with an old stonewall, until it comes to a stonewall against the highway or road; the said Zerubbabel Snow, his heirs or assigns, to possess and enjoy the westerly side of said land, lying on the westerly side of said line forever, and Timothy Snow, his heirs and assigns, to possess and enjoy the easterly side of said land, lying on the easterly side of said dividing line, forever, the said Zerubbabel Snow reserving for himself, his heirs and assigns, a convenient driftway through the said Timothy Snow's part of the aforementioned premises, to his land in Hungary Plain, in the usual way, as formerly, and also the said Timothy Snow doth reserve for himself, his heirs and assigns, a convenient way for the carting his hay and otherwise from the aforementioned Millstone Meadow, through the part of the premises belonging to said Zerubbabel Snow.

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3rdly. The dividing line of a certain wood lot, lying and being in a place, commonly called, or known, by the name of Wood Hill, lying near to a meadow, commonly called and known by the name of Clear Meadow, to be at two great white oak-trees, [LXXIII*] standing near the middle of the lot, which white oak-trees are marked,—line going across the lot—which line is to be a straight line, and a stated line between said Zerubbabel Snow and Timothy Snow, with reference to said lot; the said Zerubbabel Snow to possess the east end of said lot, and Timothy Snow to possess the west end thereof, as formerly.

4thly. The dividing line of a certain swamp, commonly called or known by the name of Millstone Swamp, is to begin at a white oak-tree, standing near to a corner of stonewall, made by said Timothy Snow on the northwesterly side of said swamp, and from said white oak-tree the line is to run southeasterly to a white-pine tree, standing in said swamp, and from said white-pine tree the line is still to run southeasterly to the end of a stonewall, on the southeasterly side of said swamp, which stonewall is the dividing line, or bounds, between the upland of him, the said Zerubbabel Snow, and him, the said Timothy Snow.

The said Zerubbabel Snow, his heirs and assigns, to possess the northeast side of the premises, and the said Timothy Snow, his heirs and assigns, to possess the southwest side thereof: and the said Zerubbabel Snow and Timothy Snow are to enjoy and possess each one their lands according as they were formerly divided, and as they are now divided, by fencing and other bounds, and this is the mutual agreement of the said Zerubbabel Snow and Timothy Snow for the division of their meadow and lands, and settling of the bounds thereof betwixt them, said Zerubbabel Snow, his heirs and assigns, still enjoying a convenient way to his own lands, forever, through said Timothy Snow's land in the usual way, as formerly. In witness whereof, we, the said Zerubbabel Snow and Timothy Snow, both of us, have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year first abovewritten.

ZERUBBABEL SNOW, [seal]

TIMOTHY SNOW, [seal]

Signed, sealed in presence of John Russell, Jacob Snow, Ephraim Waters.

The abovewritten contains a true copy of the original agreement made between said Zerubbabel Snow and Timothy

Snow, and by their mutual agreement, and at the desire of Timothy Snow, entered in Woburn book of record.

per JOHN FOWLE,

Town clerk.

Entered January the 10th, 1732-3.

Woburn, September the first, 1742. These may certify, that we, the subscribers, do mutually agree that the line between us, which is on the southwardly of David Wyman's pasture and the northerly part of James Converse's orchard, it being a line from the road that leads from Reading to Charlestown, to the road that leads from Woburn to Charlestown, shall be as the fence now stands. In witness whereof, we do agree that it shall be found so upon the town book of said Woburn records; this we do mutually, as witness our hands:

DAVID WYMAN,

JAMES CONVERSE.

In presence of us,

Phebe Wyman, her W mark.

Phebe Wyman, Jr., her X mark.

June the 10th, 1745. Entered at the desire of David Wyman, and contains a true copy of the original. JOHN RUSSELL, town clerk.

[This instalment ends the publication of the records, the above being the last entry in the appended portion of the old records. Indexes and some pages of explanatory matter will follow in succeeding issues of this paper.]

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